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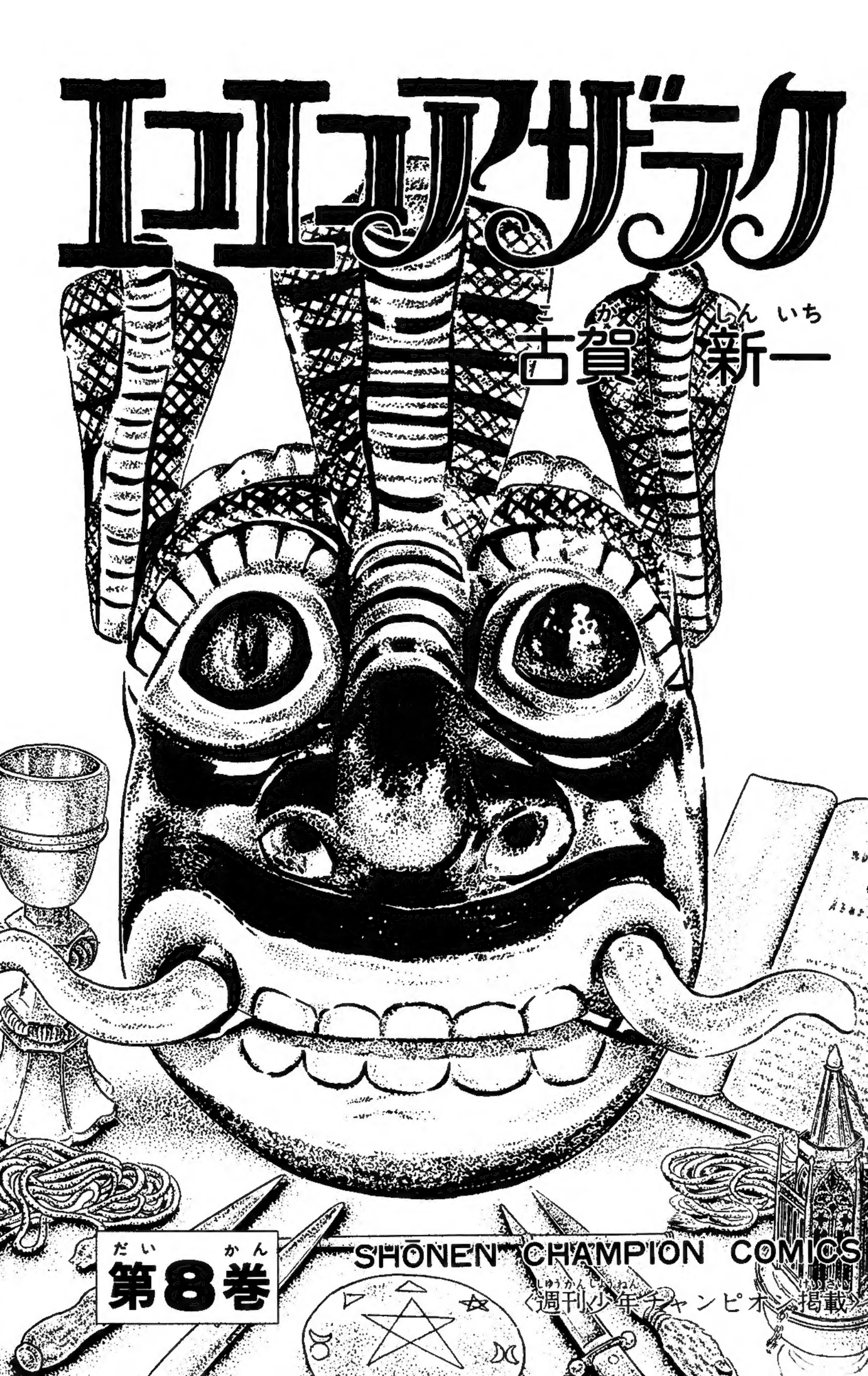

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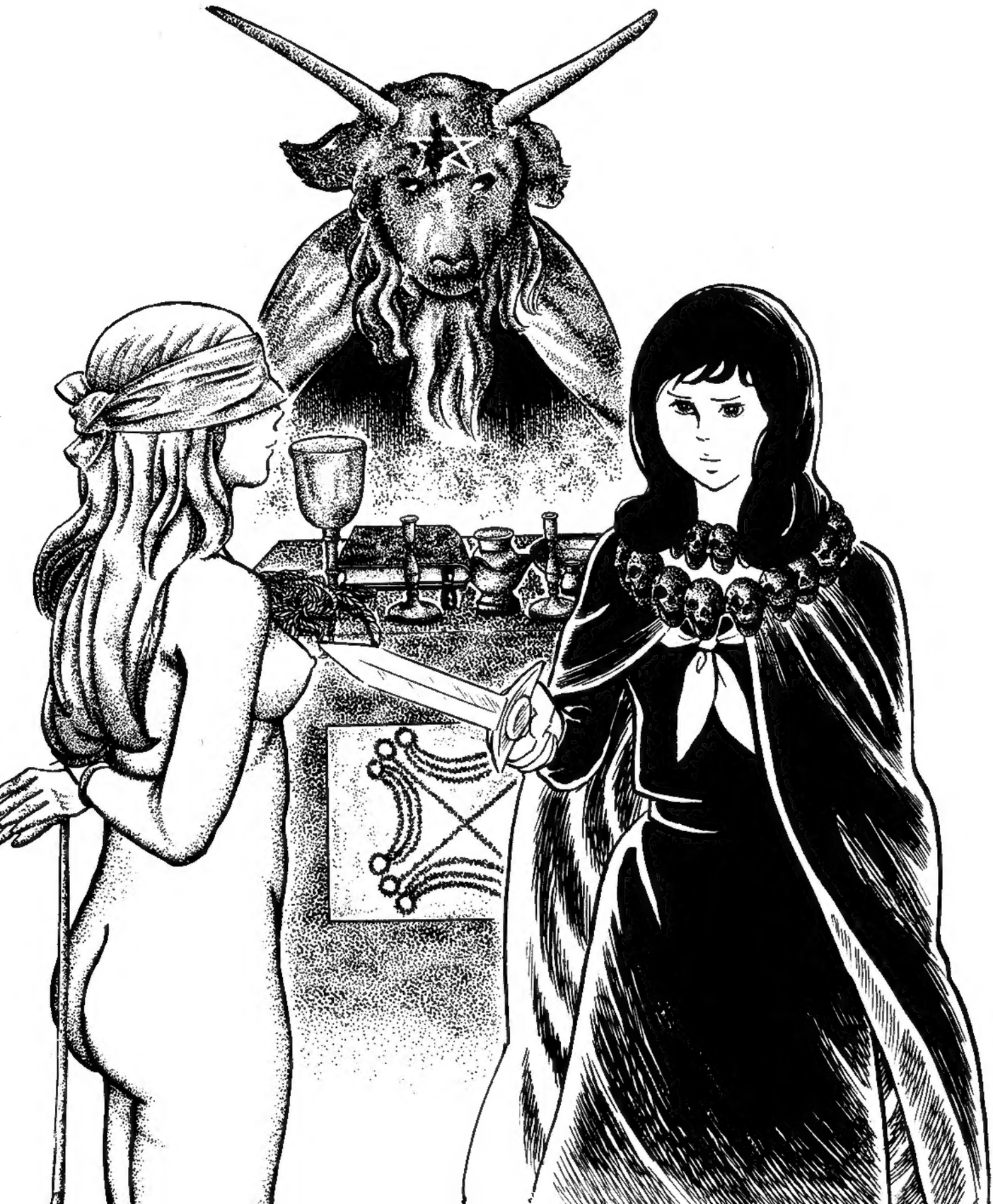
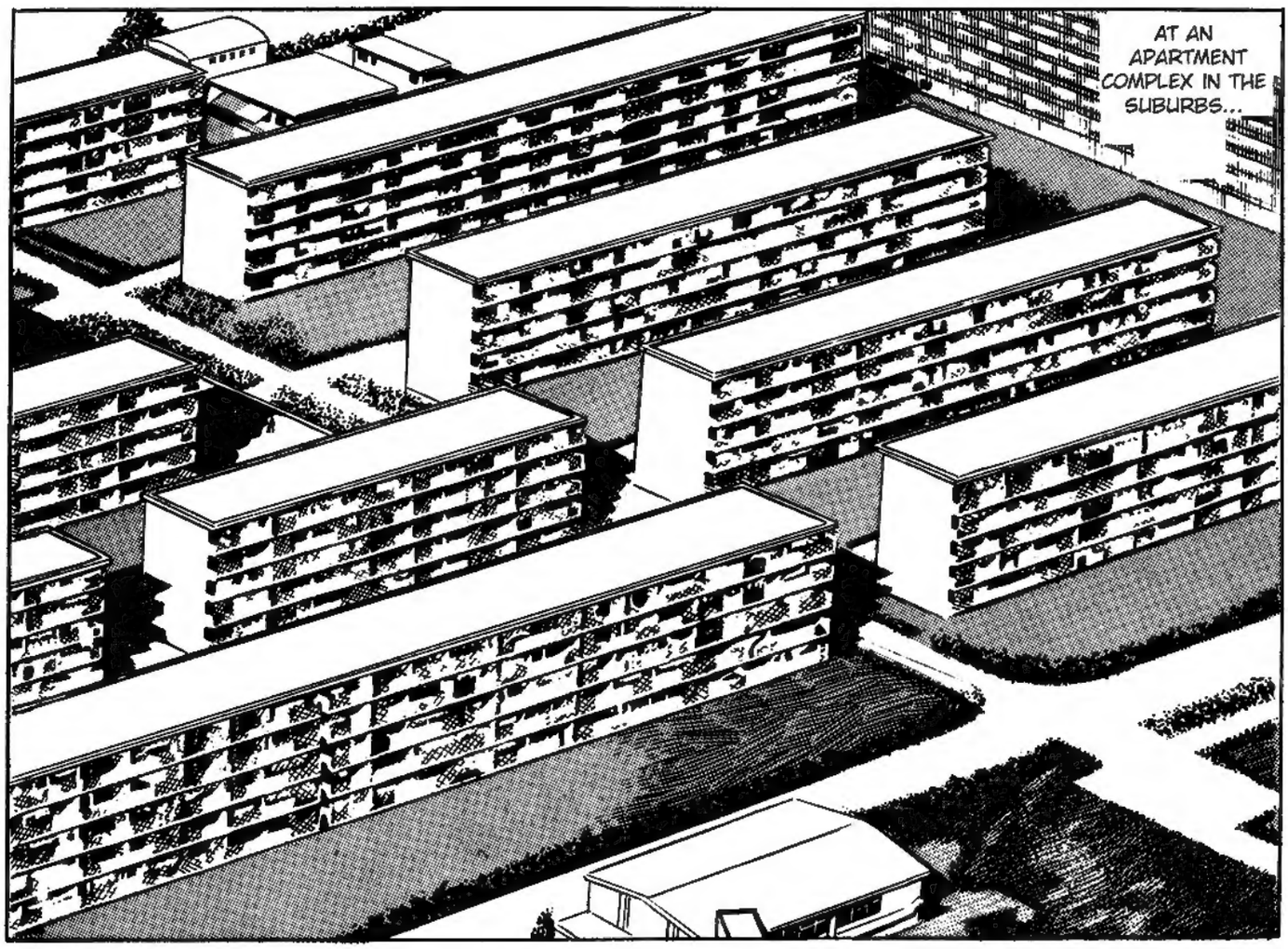
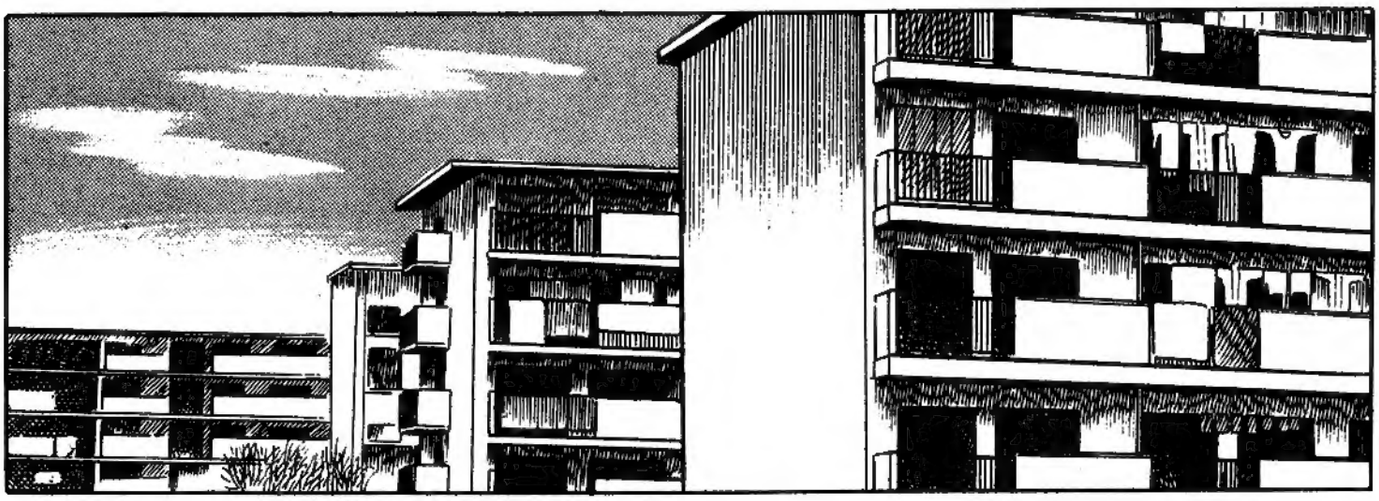
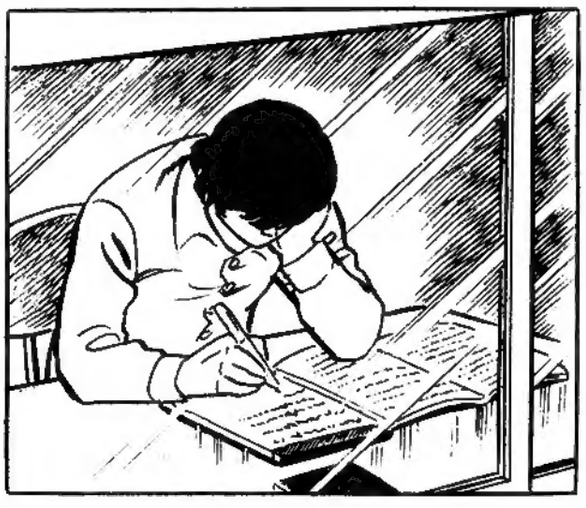



AT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX IN THE SUBURBS...



AAAAH, NOISY BRATS.



OI, OPEN UP!
WH... WHO IS IT?
WHO IS IT YOU SAY?! ARE YOU AN IDIOT OLD MAN!
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QUIT MESSING AROUND AND OPEN UP YOU MORON.
OH DEAR, OH DEAR...
HOW INCREDIBLY RUDE OF ME...
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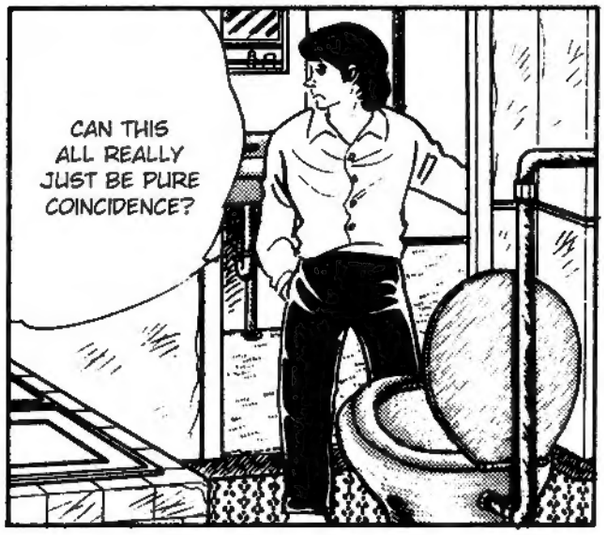
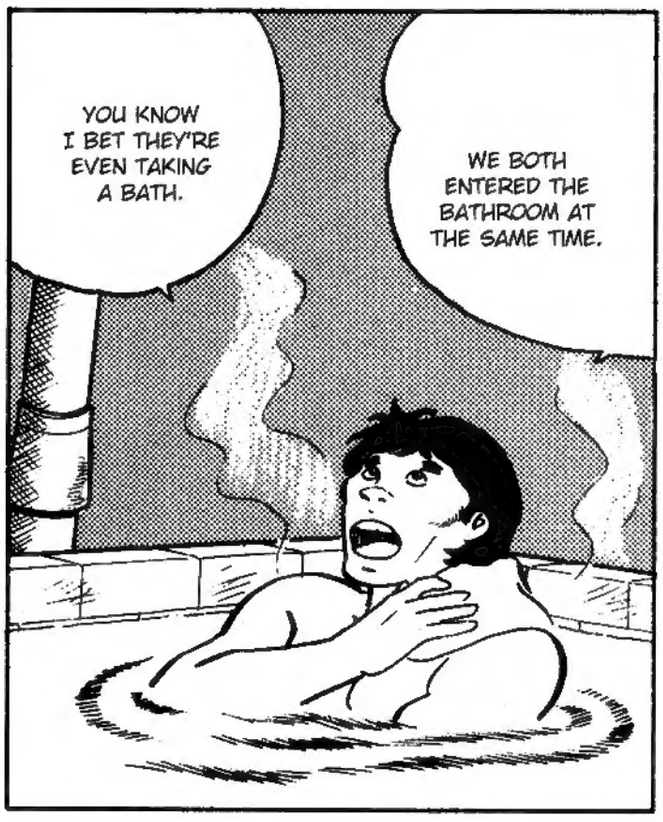
I'VE MADE QUITE THE BLUNDER, THIS IS THE SECOND FLOOR.

TRUE ENOUGH BUT...
HE'S THE FOURTH PERSON TO COME HERE BY MISTAKE TODAY, MUM.
THE OLD GUY FROM UP ON THIRD FLOOR.
WHO WAS THAT AT THE DOOR, NOBUHIKO?
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO. ALL THE DOORS AND WINDOWS IN THE APARTMENT LOOK THE SAME.
WE REALLY COULD DO WITH A NICE DOORPLATE.
EVEN I SOMETIMES ENTER THE NEIGHBOURS' ROOMS BY MISTAKE.
ONE TWO, ONE TWO.
MAYBE I SHOULD TRY TO WORK OUT.
I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO FOCUS ON STUDYING TODAY.
AAAAH.

ONE, TWO!
ONE, TWO!
ONE, TWO!
ONE, TWO!


CAN THIS ALL REALLY JUST BE PURE COINCIDENCE?

TCH. I LOOK LIKE A MORON, BETTER STOP.
I REALLY WISH THE OLD MAN NEXT DOOR WOULDN'T START WORKING OUT THE MOMENT I DO...


YOU KNOW I BET THEY'RE EVEN TAKING A BATH.
WE BOTH ENTERED THE BATHROOM AT THE SAME TIME.

IH!
THAT'S THE SOUND OF NEXT DOOR FLUSHING!

RECENTLY BEEN A LITTLE STRANGE.
THE YAMAGUCHI'S SON TSUTOMU-KUN HAS...
I FEEL IN THE MOOD TO SING...
TRUE ENOUGH, THE COUPLE THREE FLOORS UP FELL OUT AS WELL.
THE SAME THING HAPPENED ONE TIME WHEN ME AND YOUR MOTHER HAD A FIGHT.
THAT'S COMMON ENOUGH WHEN LIVING IN AN APARTMENT.
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS. NO MATTER WHAT I DO, THE NEIGHBOURS DO THE SAME.
AT THE END OF THE DAY HUMANS ARE ALL MUCH THE SAME.
INDEED. AHAHA!
WE THEN SAW HOW RIDICULOUS IT ALL WAS AND STOPPED FIGHTING.

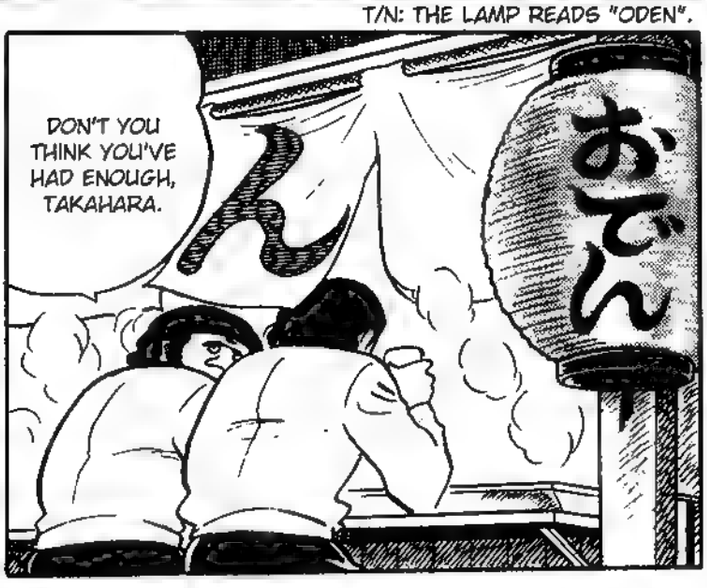
YOU KNOW I GUESS IT WOULD.
IF EVERYONE'S THE SAME WOULDN'T THAT MEAN THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS INDIVIDUALITY?!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN PUT UP WITH THIS!
PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE GUY JUST LEAVING.
ALRIGHT YOU TWO, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO SEE. TAKE A LOOK OVER AT THE SECOND FLOOR.
OH MY, HE IS AS WELL!
GOODNESS, HE'S YOUR EXACT DOUBLE NOBUHIKO!

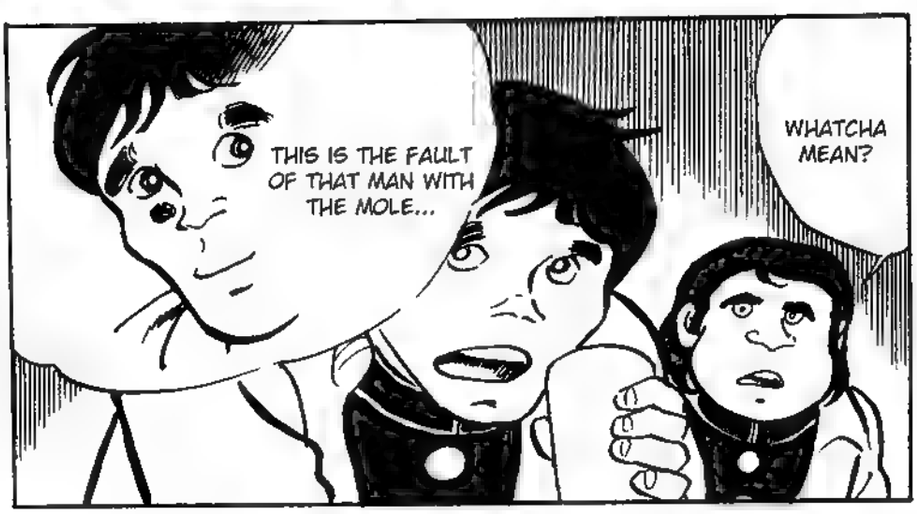
THERE'S JUST NO WAY CAN I KEEP LIVING IN THIS APARTMENT!
EVEN SO, THAT'S A REAL SHOCKER.
WE'D TALKED ABOUT ACCIDENTAL RESEMBLANCE BEWEEN PEOPLE BUT...
GRANTED I DON'T HAVE A MOLE LIKE HE DOES.
PEOPLE KEEP MISTAKING ME FOR HIM!
I'M THE PROPRIETRESS FROM "CRIMSON".
HAH?
HELLO THERE.
THREE DAYS AGO I WAS OUT FOR A WALK IN THE AREA...
EEH, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO PAY FOR WHAT YOU DRANK THE OTHER DAY?

YOU KNOW HE'S GOT A REAL NASTY LOOK TO HIM.
HE'S THE PERV WHO'S ALWAYS GROPING PEOPLE ON THE BUS.
H... HOLD ON NOW, THERE'S BEEN SOME KIND OF MISTAKE.
GEEZ, QUIT TRYING TO PLAY DUMB. I BET YOU JUST DON'T INTEND TO PAY ME BACK!
ME, A GROPER?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
OH MY...
COS OF HIM EVERYONE GIVES ME COLD STARES WHEN I'M OUT AND ABOUT!
BUT I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH BAR MONEY, OR BUS GROPING! THEY'D ALL MISTAKEN ME FOR THAT GUY WITH THE MOLE!
YOU SHOULD FORGET ALL THAT ANYWAY, YOU'VE GOT YOUR UNI EXAM COMING UP.
COME ON, YOU'RE GETTING SILLY NOW.
I FEEL LIKE IF I KEEP LIVING HERE BEFORE LONG EVEN I'LL START CONFUSING WHO I AM.

T/N: THE LAMP READS "ODEN".

EVERYONE AT MY APARTMENT SEES ME AS A FRIVOLOUS HIGH SCHOOLER.
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU USED TO BE A REAL SWOT, NOW YOU JUST MESS ABOUT ALL DAY AND NEVER STUDY.





IT'S GONE TWO IN THE MORNING.
OI, WHAT'S THE TIME?
UHHH, HIK.
MM, AND MY PARENTS ARE STRICT AS HELL.
EVEN SO, WE'RE COMING BACK FROM SCHOOL VERY, VERY LATE.
YOU DON'T STINK OF BOOZE ANYMORE, YOU'LL BE FINE.
SHIT, I BET I'M GONNA BE IN TROUBLE.
EEH, THAT LATE ALREADY?!
WELL, HOW ABOUT SAYING YOU WERE BEATEN UP BY SOME THUG WHILE RETURNING HOME?
OI. THINK OF SOME WAY I CAN GET OUT OF THIS.
YOURS IS THE ONLY ONE WITH THE LIGHTS ON.
I BET THE OLD MAN'S WAITING TO LECTURE ME...

FIRST I NEED TO COVER MYSELF IN MUD.
OKAY, LET'S GIVE IT A GO!
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA! I'LL SAY I WAS ATTACKED AND KNOCKED OUT COLD.
THIS SHOULD DO.
SOME BANDAGES EH?
DON'T STOP THERE, YOU SHOULD PUT ON A TON OF BANDAGES TOO.

MUM, QUICK! OPEN THE DOOR.
OH, WH... WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
OUCH...!
WHAT'RE YOU YELLING FOR!
WERE THEY DRUNK OR SOMETHING...?
WHO IN THE WORLD WAS IT?!
S... SOMEONE JUST CAME AND BEAT ME UP!
ARE YOU HURT?!
MMMM, THIS IS FAR TOO HORRIBLE...!
IS THAT TRUE?!
Y... YEAH. THE GUY WAS DRUNK, THEY JUST SUDDENLY STARTED BEATING ME.
A DRUNK...

IT HURTS, IT HUUURTS!
AAH!
MY POOR LITTLE THING...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT NOBUHIKO?
EEH?!
Y... YES.
WE NEED TO GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL DEAR!
ALRIGHT, THEN LET'S JUST REPORT THIS TO THE POLICE.
I REALLY AM FINE.
BUT...
D... DAD, THE INJURIES AREN'T TOO BAD!

T... TO THE POLICE?!
AWAWAWAWA!
HELLO, IS THIS THE POLICE. YES, IT'S...
NOT AT ALL. YOU CAN'T SIMPLY REMAIN SILENT WHEN SOMEONE IS ACTING VIOLENTLY.
W... WAIT, THAT'S A BIT MUCH.
?!
ALRIGHT THEN!
THEY'VE CAUGHT A MAN WHO SOUNDS LIKE THE ATTACKER AT A LOCAL POLICE STATION?!
EEH... EH, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
EH?!
THEY SAID TO COME RIGHT AWAY.

A... ALRIGHT, BUT I DON'T EXACTLY LIKE THE POLICE.
WHAT'RE YOU DRAGGING YOUR FEET FOR, IT COULD BE THE GUY WHO BEAT YOU UP.
B... BUT IT CAN'T BE...
AND IT WAS BY THE CONSTRUCTION SITE THAT YOU WERE ATTACKED?
YOU CERTAINLY SEEM PRETTY BADLY HURT.
OI, GET HIM OUT HERE NOW!
IN WHICH CASE IT'S GOTTA BE THE PERP.
THA... THAT'S RIGHT...
Y... YES....

AH, IT'S THE MAN WITH THE MOLE!
I HAVE NO MEMORY WHATSOEVER OF WHO I ATTACKED.
?!
I'M EVER SO SORRY.
THIS WORKS OUT WELL...
UFUFUFU...
NO MEMORY WHATSO-EVER...
HE GOT COMPLETELY SMASHED AND WENT ON A TERRIBLE RAMPAGE.

OW, IT HURTS!
HE'S THE ONE WHO ASSAULTED ME!
YES, THAT'S THE MAN!
I'D... I'D BEEN PREPARING FOR MY UNIVERSITY EXAM AND ALL, YET YOU DID THIS TO ME!
OWOWOW-OWOWOW...
WELL HE DID STRIKE ME ALL OVER.
ARE YOUR WOUNDS THAT BAD?
SO PLEASE, COULD YOU LET ME OFF...
I... I UNDERSTAND. I'LL COVER ALL OF YOUR MEDICAL FEES.

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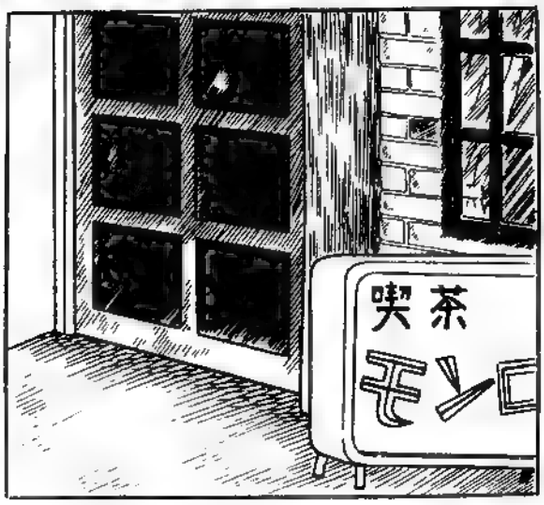
I FEEL SO GOOD.
AHAHAHAAAH!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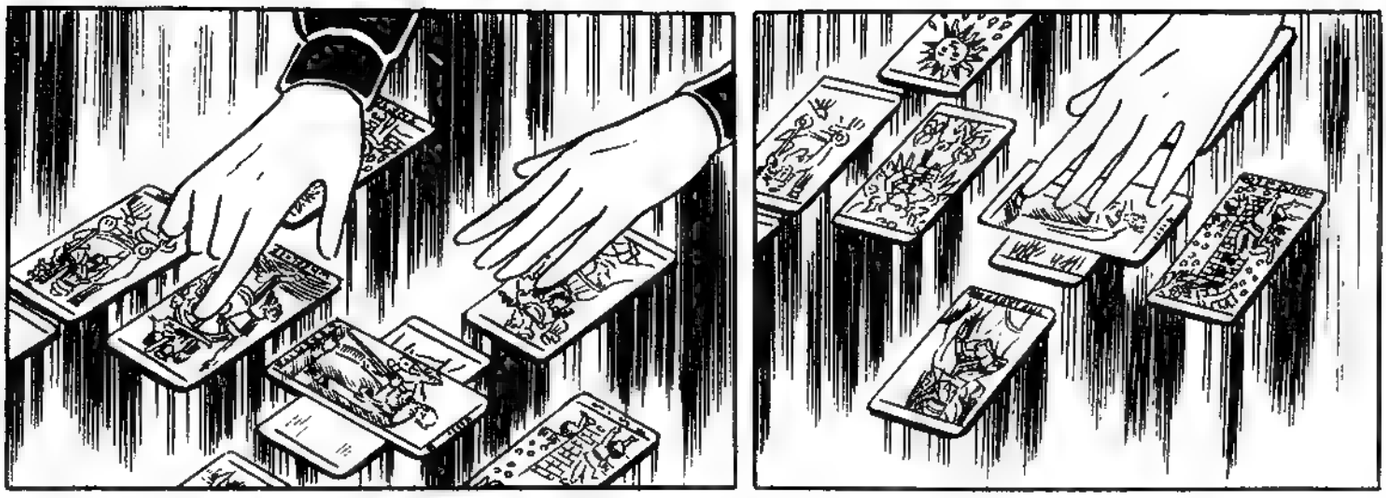
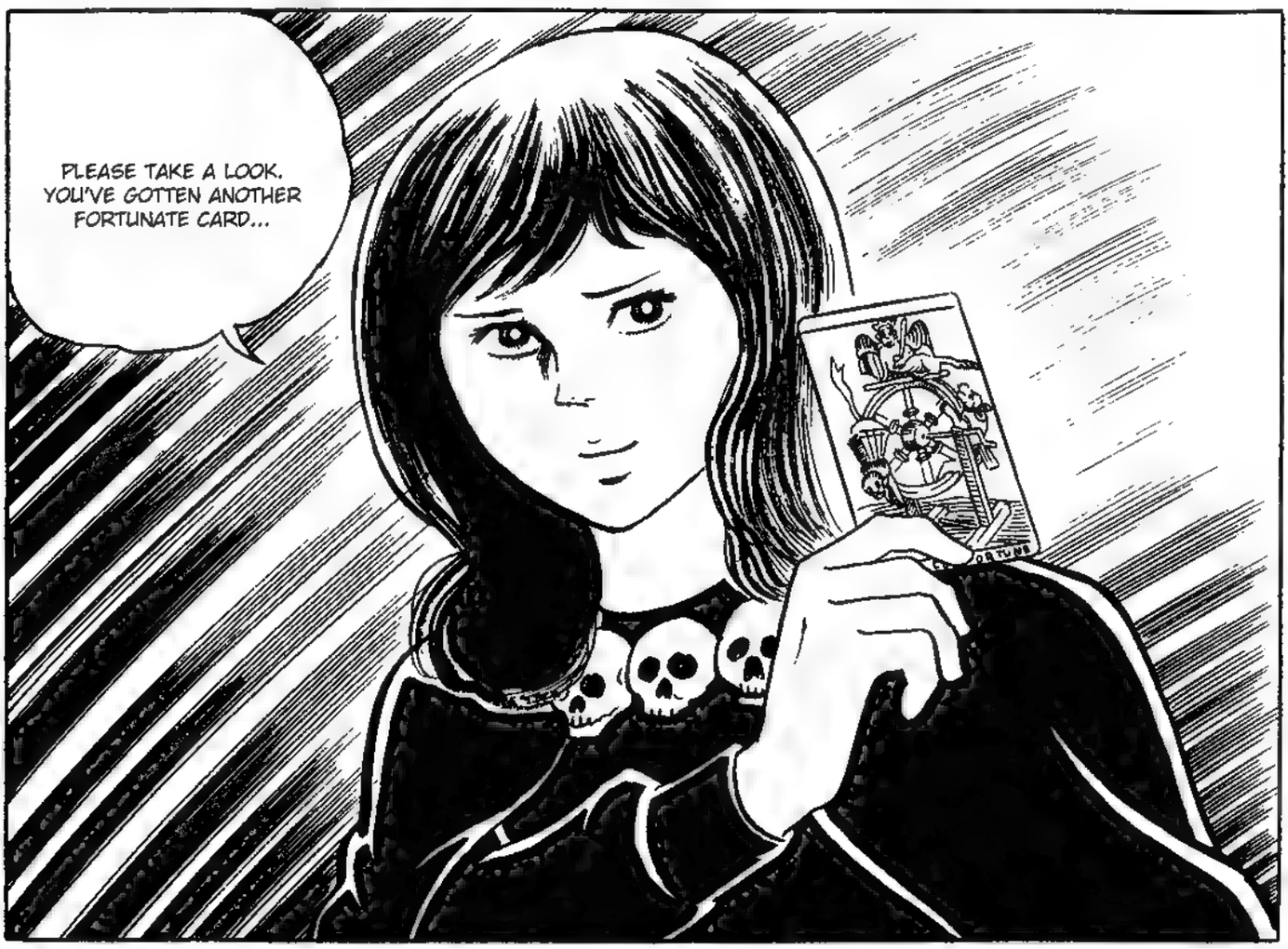
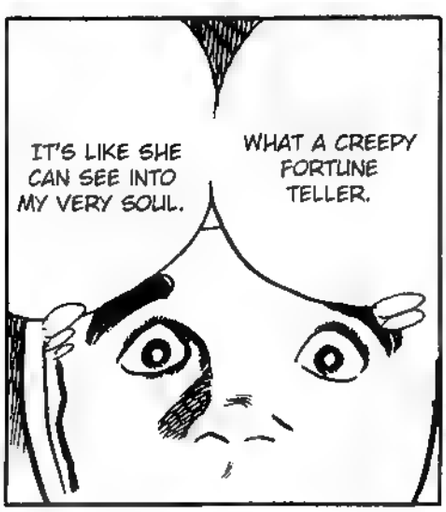
THIS WHOLE THING HAS GONE PRETTY WELL.
AND I GOT PLENTY OF CASH TO COVER THOSE "MEDICAL FEES".
I WON'T HAVE ANY ISSUES WITH SPENDING MONEY FOR A WHILE NOW. USHISHI...
HE LOOKED SO DAMN PATHETIC.
HMPH! GOT WHAT HE DESERVED.
HAH?!
YOU'RE QUITE THE LUCKY MAN...
UFUFUFU...




PLEASE TAKE A LOOK. YOU'VE GOTTEN ANOTHER FORTUNATE CARD...

DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE OFF THOSE UNNEEDED BANDAGES NOW...?


IT'S LIKE SHE CAN SEE INTO MY VERY SOUL.
WHAT A CREEPY FORTUNE TELLER.

DEVIL HAS APPEARED.
OH, NOW THE...
WH... WHAT THE HELL DO YOU MEAN?!
...!
THIS IS AN EXTREMELY INAUSPICIOUS CARD.
DEVIL
OHOHOHO...
I DON'T IMAGINE YOUR LUCK WILL LAST FOR MUCH LONGER.

W... WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!
YOU THINK SOME LITTLE GIRL IS GONNA FUCK WITH ME?!
QUICK LITTLE BITCH!
DAMN IT!
WHERE DID SHE GET TO!?

病院
~12:00
~19:00
A HOSPI-TAL...?
バーン
THERE SHE IS!
MM!
カラカラ
IT'S YOU!
AH!
EEH?!
I'M SURE OF IT, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BEAT ME UP AT THE BUILDING SITE!

SO THIS IS WHO THE MAN WITH THE MOLE BEAT UP...!
EEP!
TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT WHAT YOU DID! I HOPE YOU'RE READY TO PAY UP FOR MY HOSPITAL FEES!
DON'T TRY AND PLAY DUMB AT THIS POINT!
N... NO, YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG!

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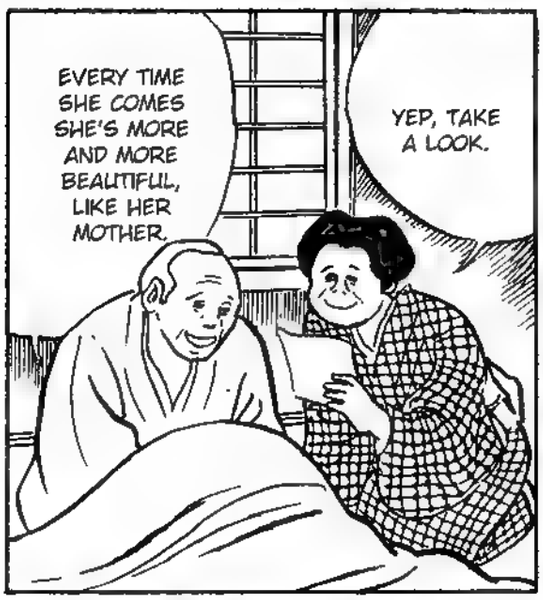
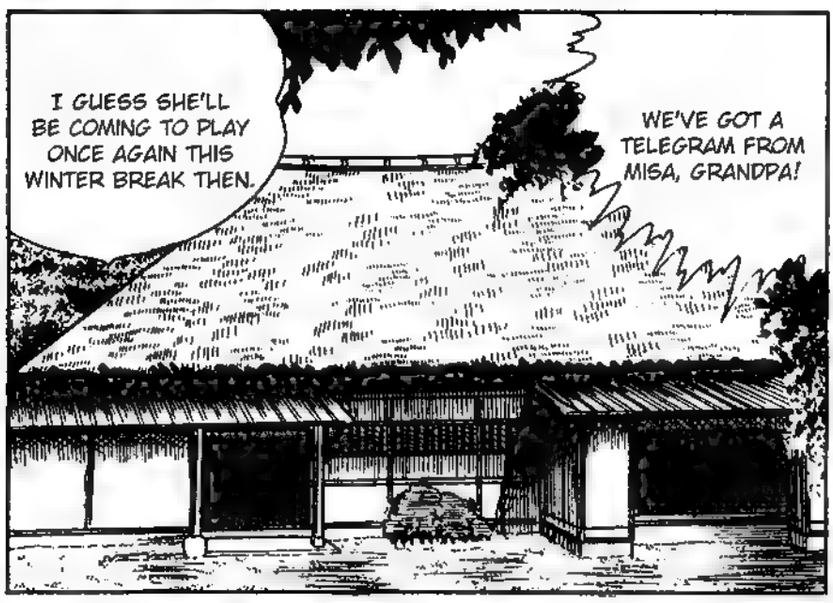
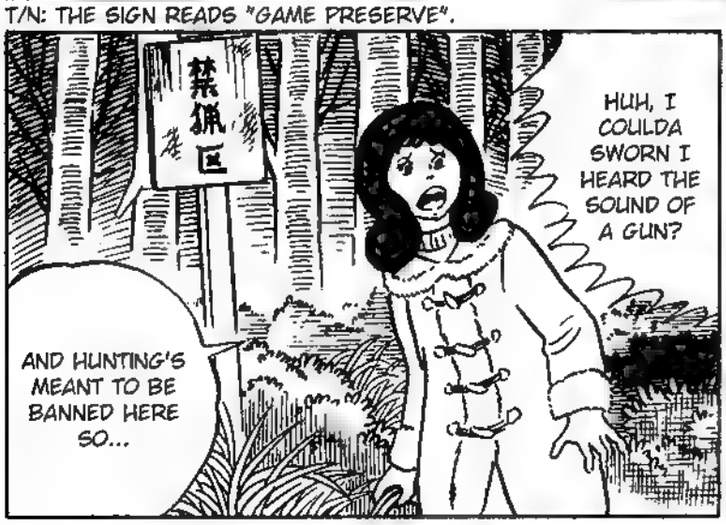
♣ THE STUFFED ANIMAL COLLECTION


EVERY TIME SHE COMES SHE'S MORE AND MORE BEAUTIFUL, LIKE HER MOTHER.
YEP, TAKE A LOOK.


I GUESS SHE'LL BE COMING TO PLAY ONCE AGAIN THIS WINTER BREAK THEN.
WE'VE GOT A TELEGRAM FROM MISA, GRANDPA!

T/N: THE SIGN READS "GAME PRESERVE".



WEIRD, I'M SURE I GOT A HIT...
HAH!
IT MUST'VE FALLEN AROUND HERE...
...
HM, BLOOD!
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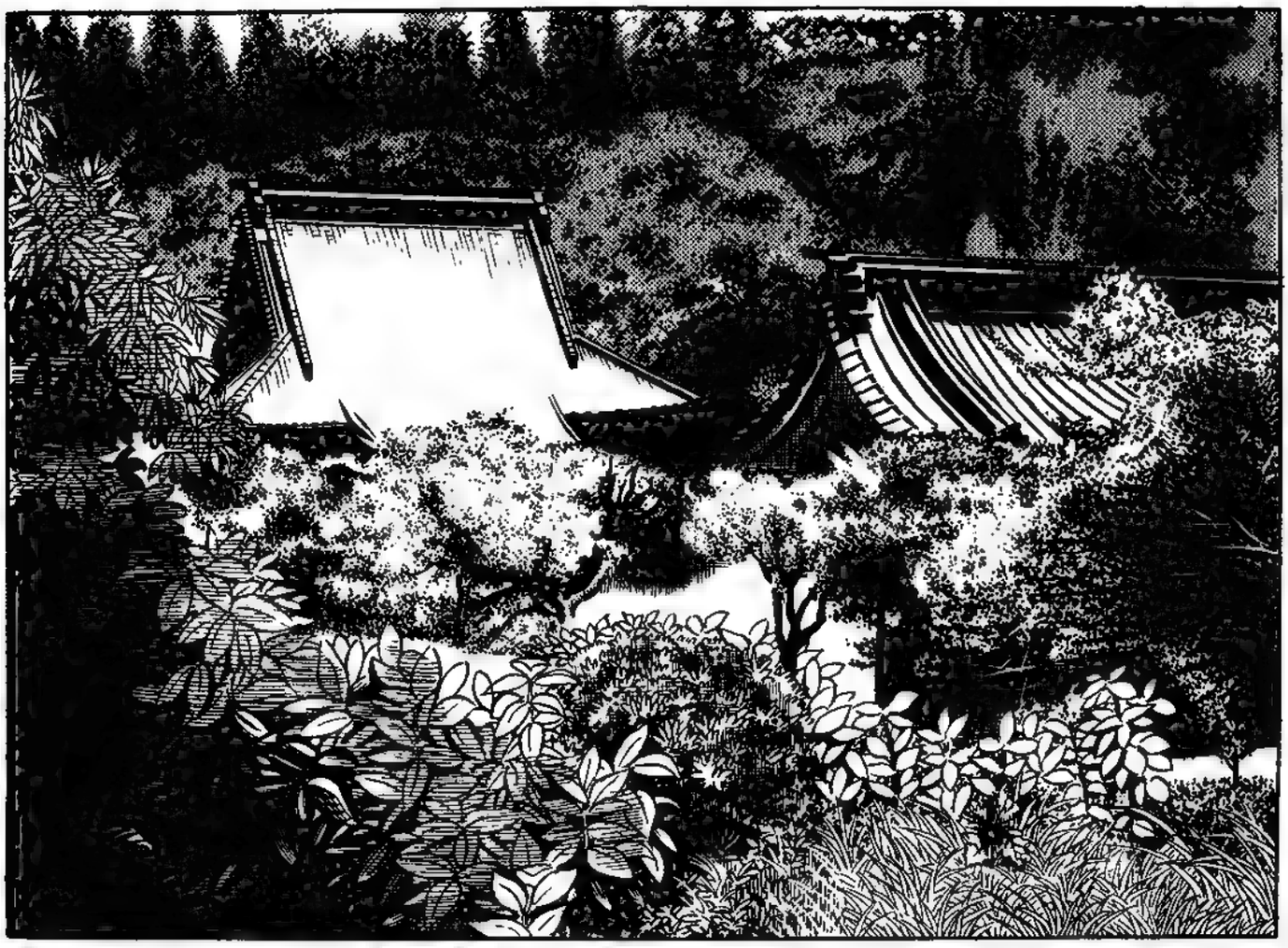
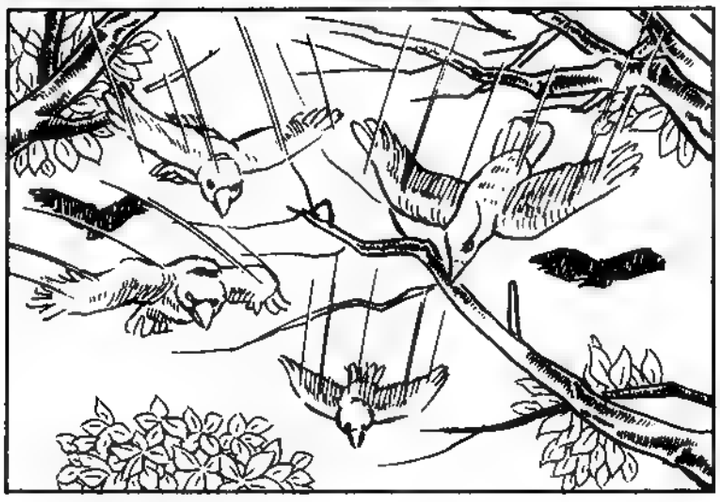
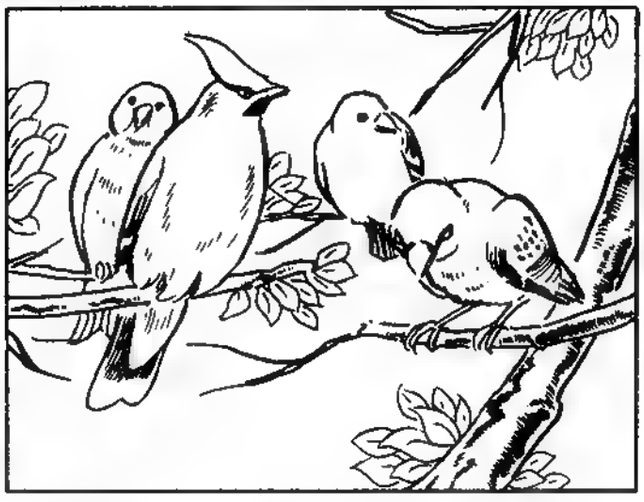
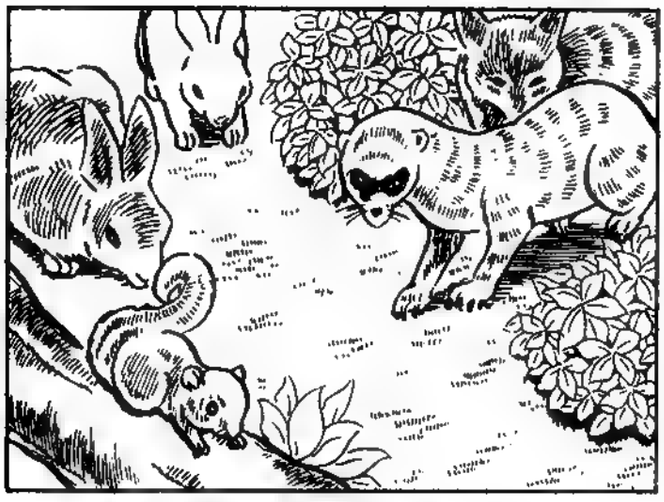
MM!
OI, YOUUU!

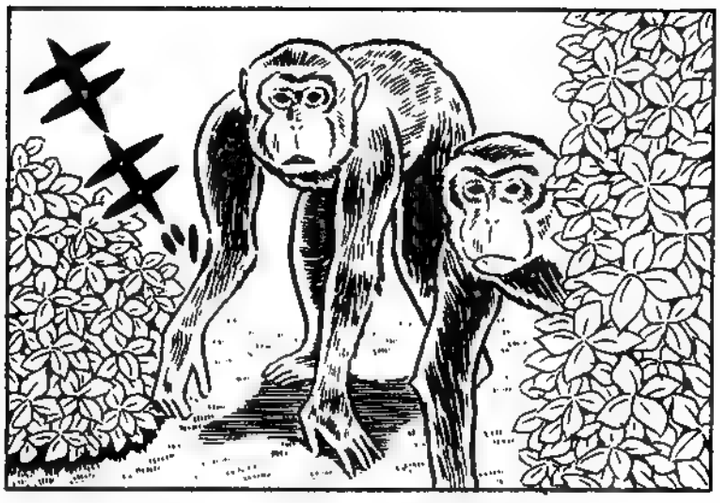
OH IF IT ISN'T MISA. YOU JUST GOT HERE AND YOU'RE ALL FLUSTERED...
GET SOME MEDICINE, QUICKLY!
HAAH, HAAH.
GRAN!
THE POOR THING, IT MUST BE IN AGONY.
IT'S SO, SO PITIFUL.
THAT'S A CRANE, RIGHT.
IT'S BEEN BADLY WOUNDED, WE NEED TO TREAT IT RIGHT AWAY.
COME ON GRAN!
RIGHT?!
DON'T SAY THAT, THERE MUST BE SOME WAY WE CAN SAVE IT.
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN DO ANYTHING FOR A BIRD.
REALLY?!
HE'S CERTAINLY MEANT TO BE AN ANIMAL LOVER. I'VE HEARD HE'LL HEAL WILD BEASTS JUST LIKE A PROPER VET.
YOU KNOW THERE WAS A CURIOUS BUDDHIST TEMPLE OUT IN THE MOUNTAINS, I IMAGINE THE HEAD MONK THERE WOULD BE ABLE TO HEAL IT.











FOOD BEING SCARCE IN WINTER AND ALL.
I FIGURED YOU MIGHT ALL COME SO I MADE SURE TO PREPARE PLENTY.

ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT. JUST WAIT THERE.
OH MY, OH MY. ARE YOU AFTER SOME FOOD TOO.

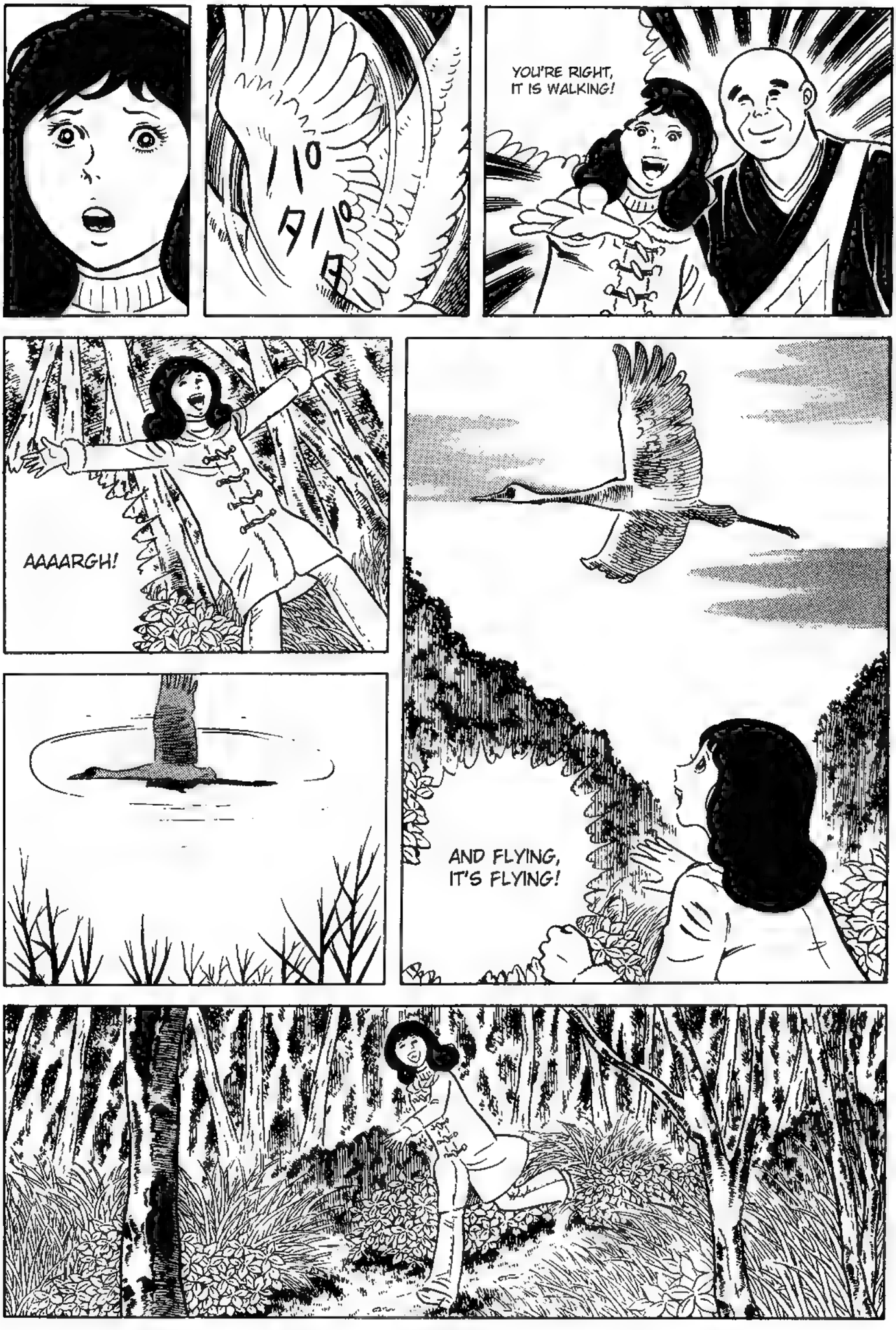
HEAD PRIIIEST!

WHAT AN IRRITATING LITTLE MINX, STEALING SOMEONE'S PREY.
FOUND HER!

HAAH, HAAH...

HEAD PRIEST!
IT WON'T?
AHAHA, DON'T WORRY MISS. IT WON'T ATTACK YOU.
GYAAAAH!

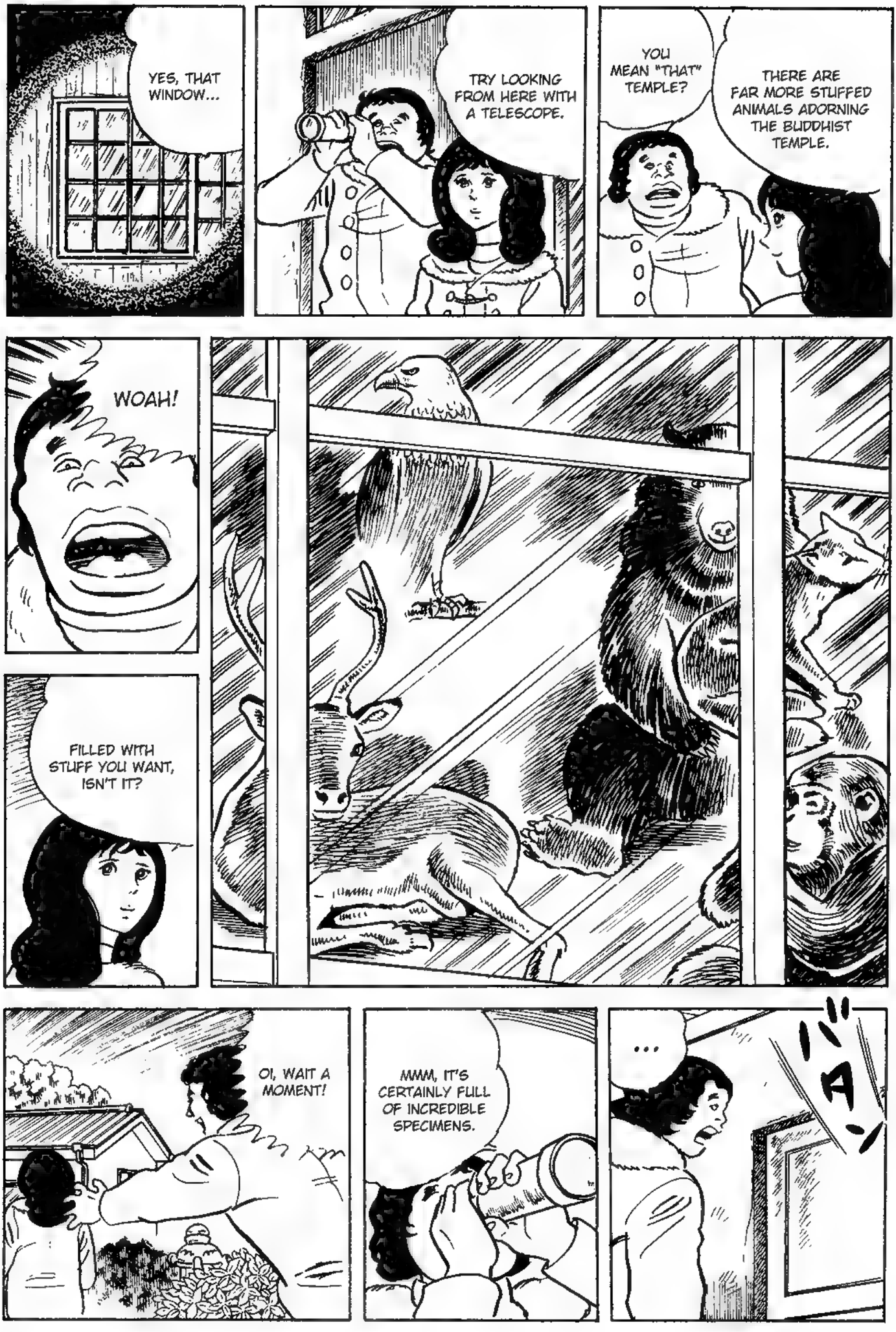
PLEASE, IS THERE SOME WAY YOU CAN SAVE IT?
GOODNESS, WHAT A TERRIBLE INJURY.
THAT BEAR'S ALWAYS COMING TO ME FOR FOOD.
IT'S AN EXTREMELY RARE BIRD. THE ONLY OTHER TIME IT'S BEEN SEEN IN JAPAN WAS WHEN ONE GOT LOST 15 YEARS AGO.
THIS IS A SIBERIAN CRANE.
PERHAPS WE SHOULD WARM ITS BODY SOME MORE...
IT DOESN'T LOOK SO GOOD TO ME...
AND WITH THAT IT SHOULD BE FINE. WATCH, IT'LL WALK.
AH!


YOU'RE RIGHT, IT IS WALKING!
AAAARGH!
AND FLYING, IT'S FLYING!

AH!
IT...
IT'S DEAD.
WHATCHA THINK OF MY SHOOTING SKILLS. FUFUFU...

OI! HURRY UP AND PAST IT OVER!
YOU KNOW I DIDN'T THINK IT'D BE SUCH A RARE BIRD.
THAT'S RIGHT. YOURS TRULY HAS ONE VERY HIGH CLASS HOBBY.
ONCE STUFFED...?
IT'LL BE INCREDIBLE ONCE STUFFED.
I'VE HAD ONE HELL OF A HAUL TODAY.
COME WITH ME, I'LL SHOW YOU MY INCREDIBLE COLLECTION.

SO THESE ARE YOUR STUFFED ANIMALS...
WHAT DO YOU THINK, FINE WORK NO?
YOUR COLLECTION EH...
UFUFUFUFU...
WH... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
THERE'S NOTHING IMPRESSIVE ABOUT IT!


YES, THAT WINDOW...
TRY LOOKING FROM HERE WITH A TELESCOPE.
YOU MEAN "THAT" TEMPLE?
THERE ARE FAR MORE STUFFED ANIMALS ADORNING THE BUDDHIST TEMPLE.
WOAH!
FILLED WITH STUFF YOU WANT, ISN'T IT?
OI, WAIT A MOMENT!
MMM, IT'S CERTAINLY FULL OF INCREDIBLE SPECIMENS.
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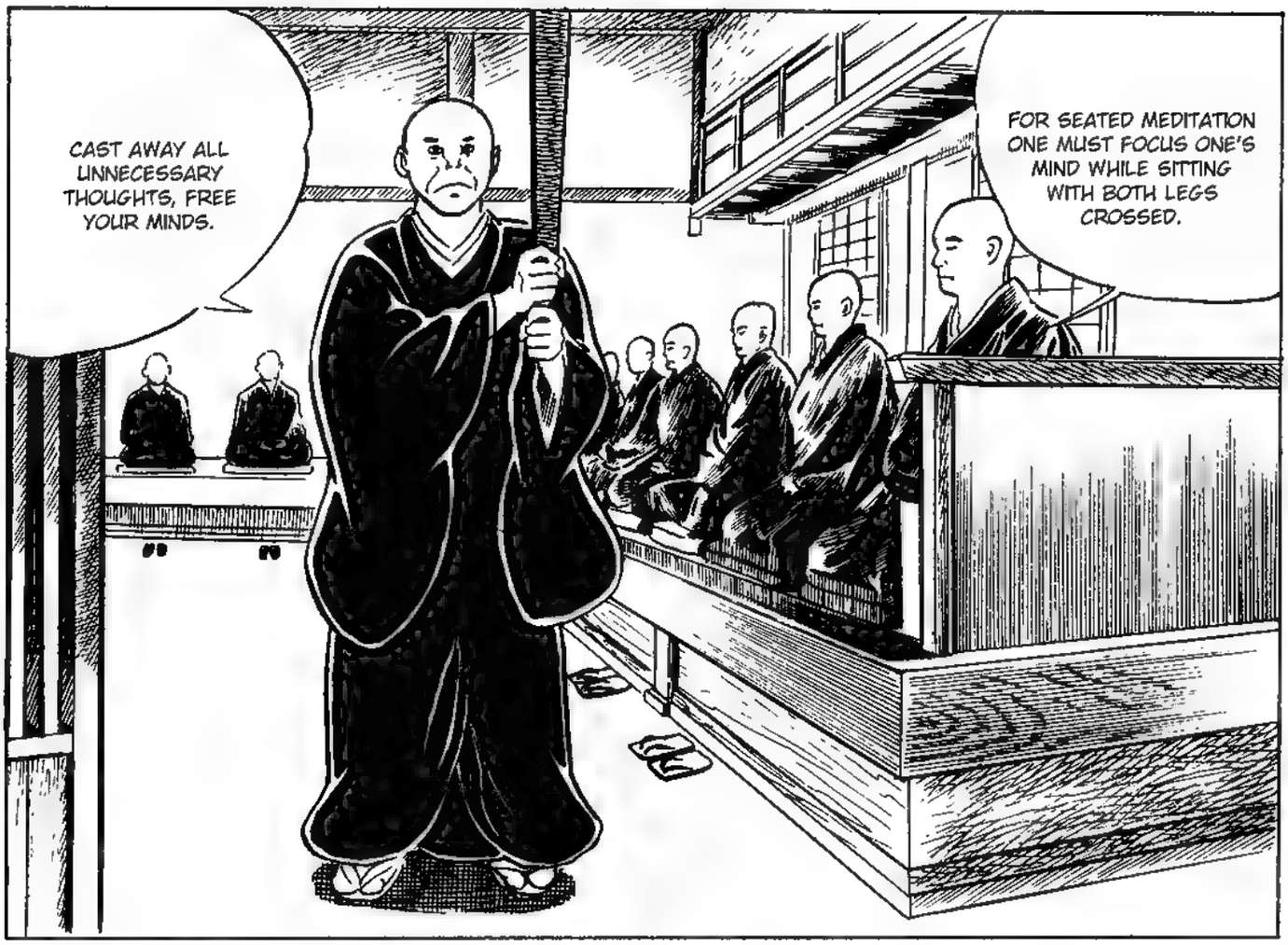
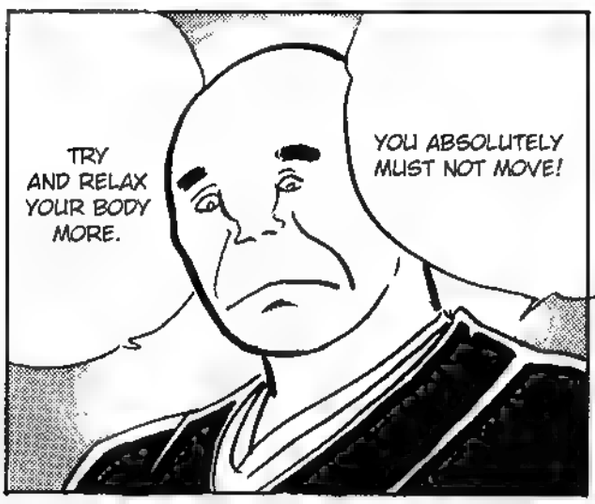
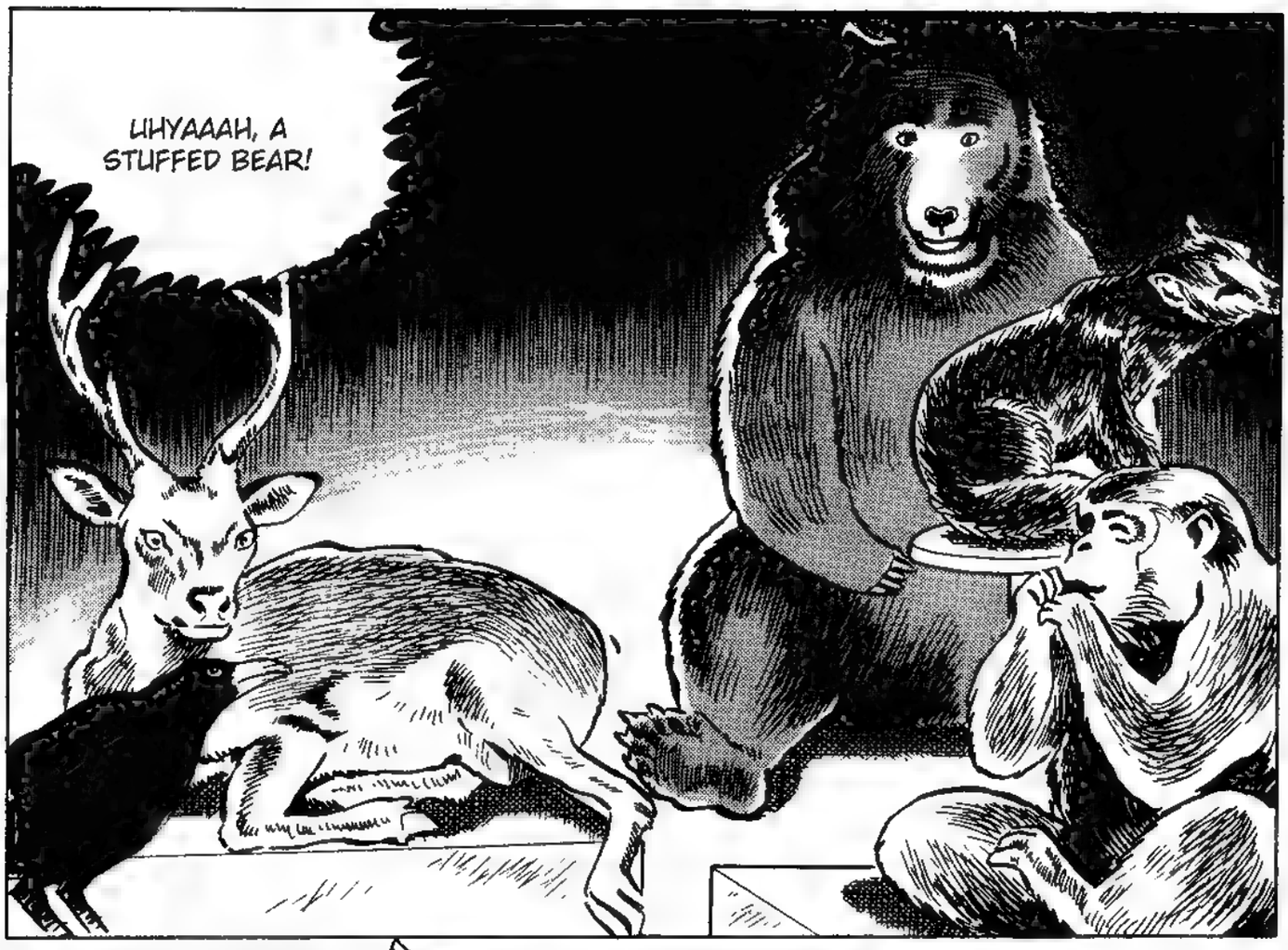
ST... STEAL THEM...
UFUFU. I GUESS YOU'VE NO OTHER OPTION BUT TO STEAL THEM.
THAT'D BE IMPOSSIBLE, THEY'RE VERY IMPORTANT TO HIM.
I ABSOLUTELY MUST GET MY HANDS ON THOSE STUFFED ANIMALS...
COULD YOU DO ME A FAVOUR AND TALK TO THE HEAD PRIEST...
THE MONKS SECLUDE THEMSELVES AWAY FROM MORNING TILL EVENING IN THE MEDITATION HALL IN ORDER TO WORK ON THEIR SEATED MEDITATION...
SNEAKING INTO THE TEMPLE WOULD BE A SIMPLE MATTER.
...
YOU'RE THAT KEEN TO GET YOUR HANDS ON WHAT'S IN THE TEMPLE, RIGHT?
EH?!
I COULD EVEN SHOW YOU HOW.


CAST AWAY ALL UNNECESSARY THOUGHTS, FREE YOUR MINDS.
FOR SEATED MEDITATION ONE MUST FOCUS ONE'S MIND WHILE SITTING WITH BOTH LEGS CROSSED.


TRY AND RELAX YOUR BODY MORE.
YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST NOT MOVE!

HEY, NO MOVING.

AT HEART IT IS A MEANS TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN IT.
SEATED MEDITATION IS NOT MEANT TO TORMENT THE BODY.
IT REALLY WILL BE EASY TO SNEAK IN.
PLUS WHEN THEY'RE DOING THEIR MEDITATION THEY'RE EFFECTIVELY IN A SORT OF SLEEPING STATE.
I CAN SEE WHAT YOU MEAN, THE MONKS ARE ALL SECLUDED AWAY.
THIS SHOULD BE THE ROOM...
ALRIGHT, NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO STEAL THEM.


UHYAAAH, A STUFFED BEAR!

AND THIS IS SOMETHING I'VE ALWAYS WANTED, A SILVER AND BLACK FOX.

EH?!
ALRIGHT, TIME'S UP. MEDITATION IS OVER!

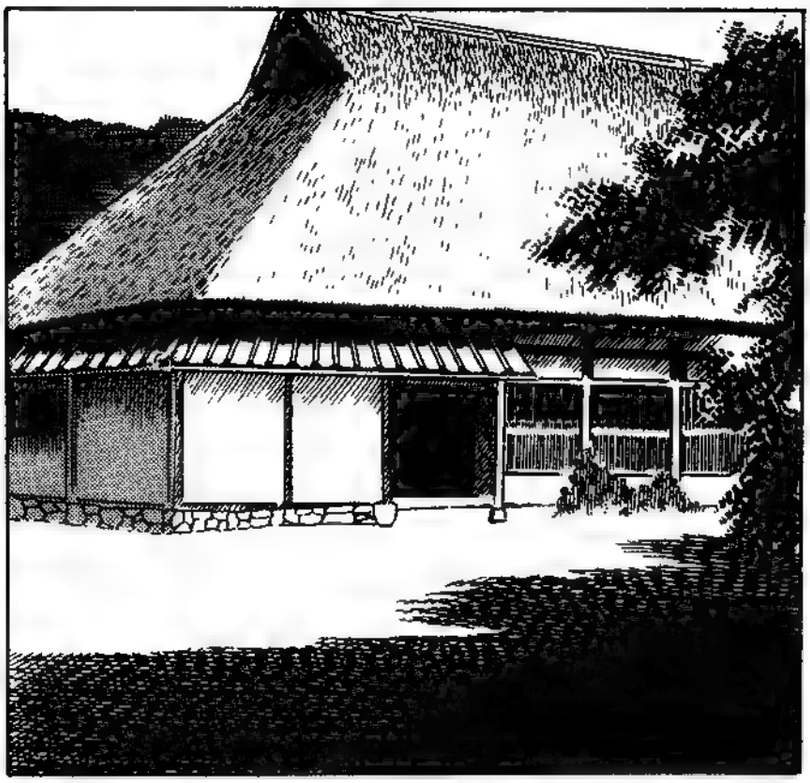
THE STUFFED ANIMALS ARE MOVING.
AH!
GYAAH!
IT WAS QUITE THE ORDEAL GETTING THE ANIMALS THIS FAR WITH THEIR SEATED MEDITATION PRACTICE.

YES, THEY'RE STILL ALIVE.
SO THEN ALL THE ANIMALS HERE ARE ACTUALLY...!

EEP, S... SOMEONE SAVE ME!

AHAHAHA!
UFUFUFUFU!

♣ THE PREORD'AINED MURDER



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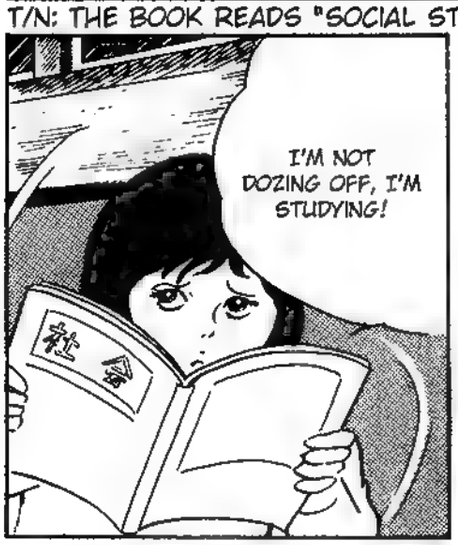

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
JUST TAKING A LITTLE STROLL IN TOWN.
AND WHERE EXACTLY ARE YOU GOING WITHOUT YOUR TEXTBOOK?!
GRAN'S STRICT AS EVER.
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OH!

LET'S FOLLOW HIM...
THAT OLD MAN'S BEEN AWFULLY FIDGETY!
SUSPICIOUS!
AH!
HAH!
HE'S GONE?!

KYAAAH!
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OUT WITH IT!
AWAWAWAH...
WHY WERE YOU AFTER ME?!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
ACHOO!
CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE OR SOMETHING?
AH... AWAWA-WA...
HIEEH!

OH DEAR, HE PASSED OUT.
HUH?
HELLO, HELLO, YOU OKAY?
IS THIS MAN HIS DAD THEN?!
THIS IS SADAO-KUN FROM MY CLASS!
WAKE UP MISTER!

FOR THE LAST YEAR I'VE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GO HOME.
TO TELL THE TRUTH IT'S A BIT COMPLICATED.
JUST WHY ARE YOU RENTING A ROOM ALL THE WAY OUT THERE?
WELL WHAT A COINCIDENCE, RUNNING INTO A CLASSMATE OF SADAO'S OUT HERE IN THE STICKS.
THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE HIS FATHER WAS...
OH YEAH, I CAN RECALL SADAO-KUN SAYING ONCE...
HAH!
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WHAT ELSE CAN I DO AT THE MOMENT.
I KNOW IT'S INEXCUSABLE MY CAUSING HIM WORRY BUT...
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Q... QUIET!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN!? WHY GET SOMETHING THAT DANGEROUS OUT?!
HAAH, HAAH, HAAH...
WH... WHO IS IT?!
?
DAMN IIIT, JUST ANOTHER STRAY CAT?!
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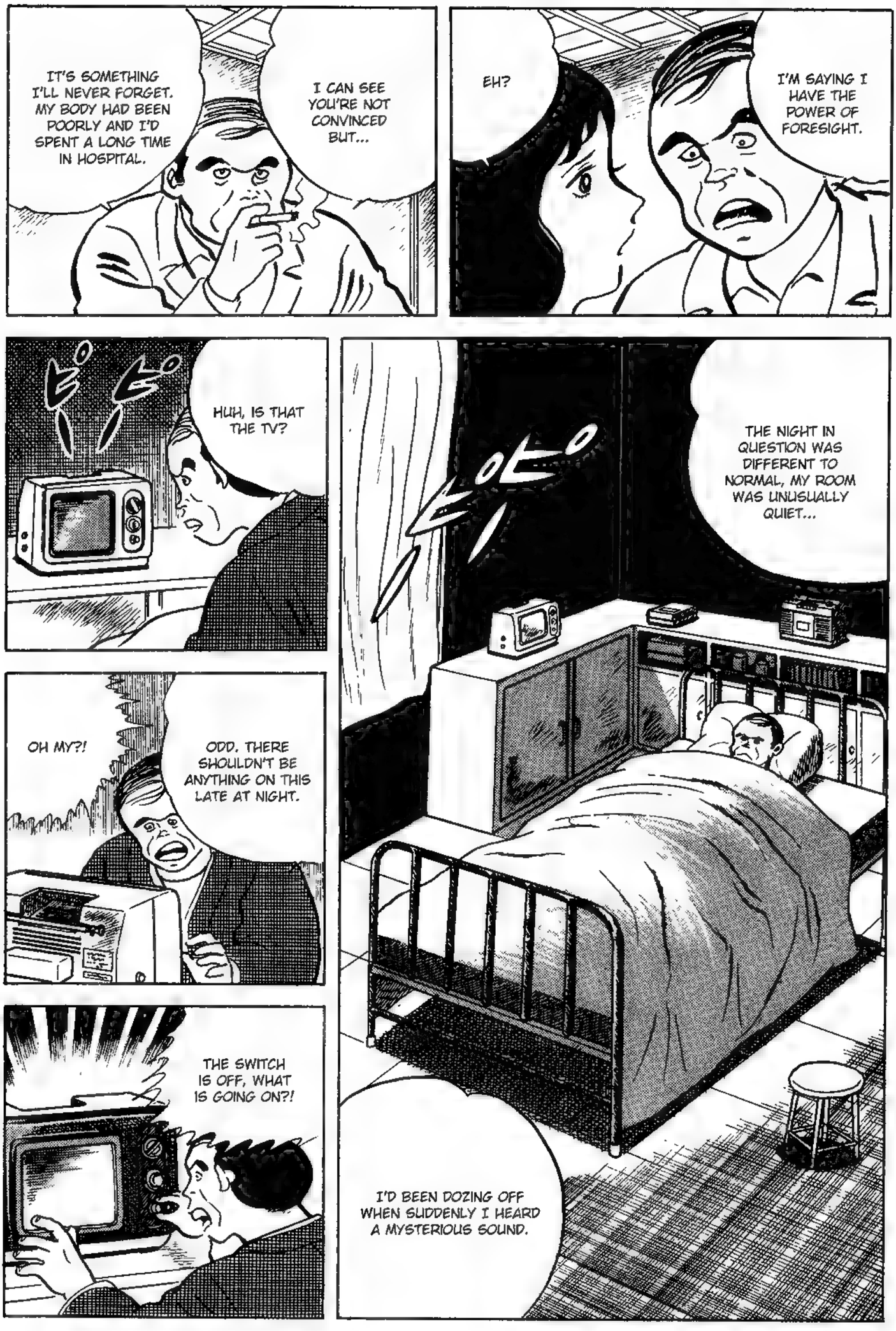
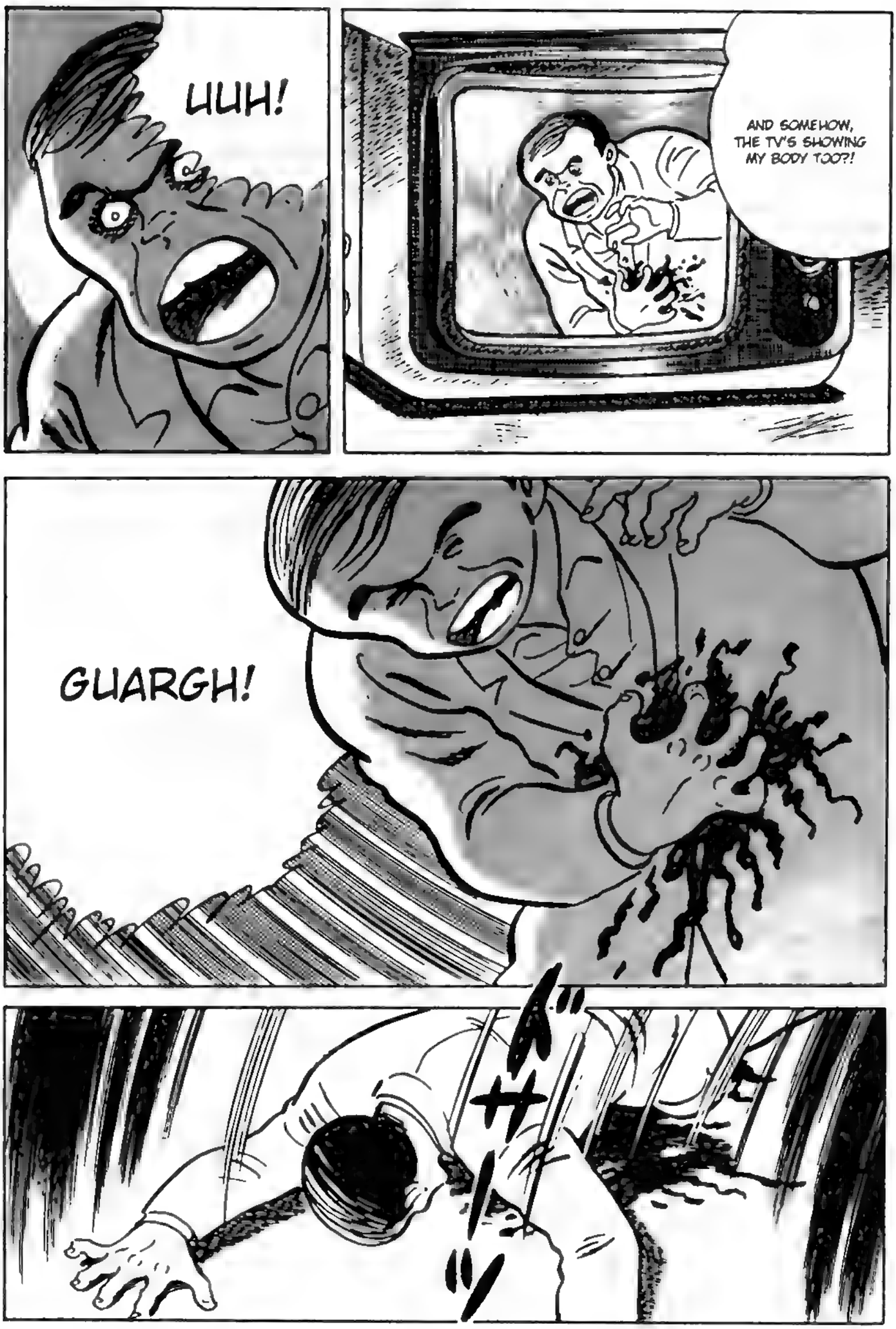
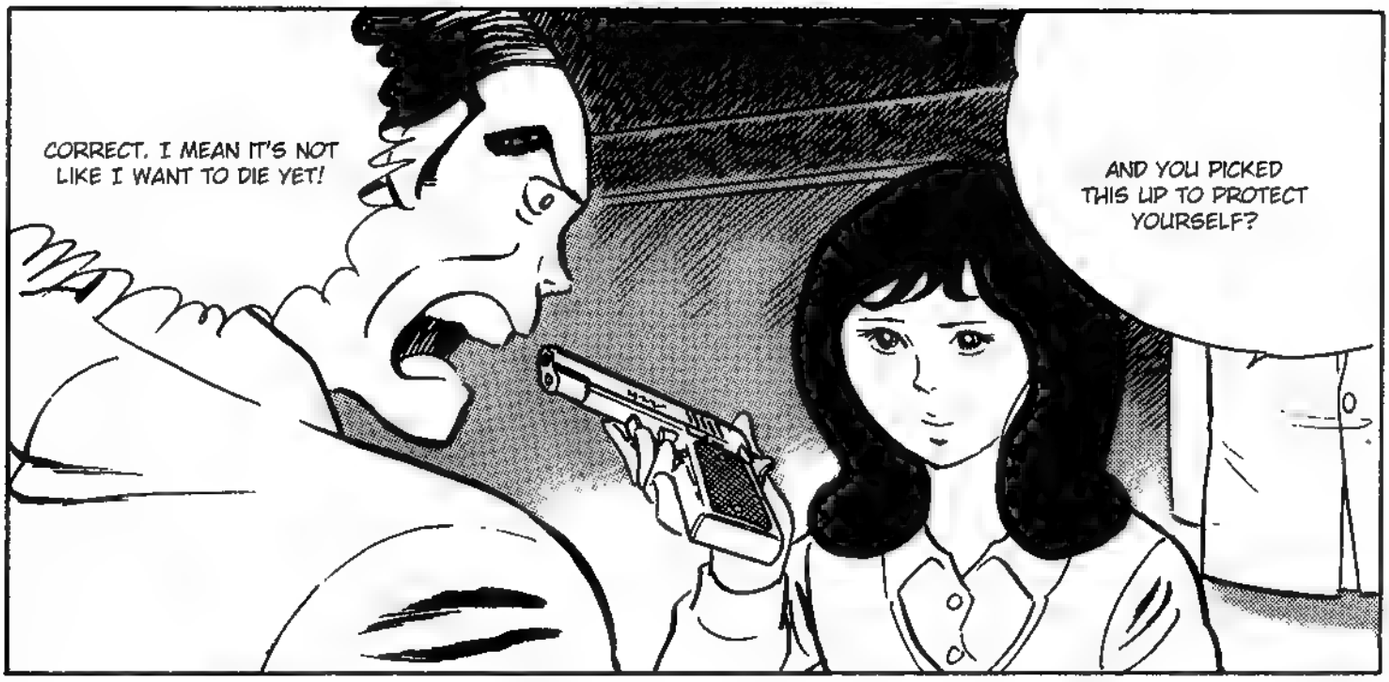
DIE!
YOU LITTLE SHIT, HOW DARE YOU TRICK ME!
YOU SEEM VERY AFRAID MISTER, WHO IS IT THAT'S AFTER YOU?
GEEZ, BLOODY CAT TRICKING ME.
HUH, WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE. ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT IT'S BEEN FORETOLD I'M GOING TO BE KILLED BY SOMEONE.


IT'S SOMETHING I'LL NEVER FORGET. MY BODY HAD BEEN POORLY AND I'D SPENT A LONG TIME IN HOSPITAL.
I CAN SEE YOU'RE NOT CONVINCED BUT...
EH?
I'M SAYING I HAVE THE POWER OF FORESIGHT.
HUH, IS THAT THE TV?
THE NIGHT IN QUESTION WAS DIFFERENT TO NORMAL, MY ROOM WAS UNUSUALLY QUIET...
OH MY?!
ODD. THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANYTHING ON THIS LATE AT NIGHT.
THE SWITCH IS OFF, WHAT IS GOING ON?!
I'D BEEN DOZING OFF WHEN SUDDENLY I HEARD A MYSTERIOUS SOUND.


UUH!
AND SOMEHOW, THE TV'S SHOWING MY BODY TOO?!
GUARGH!

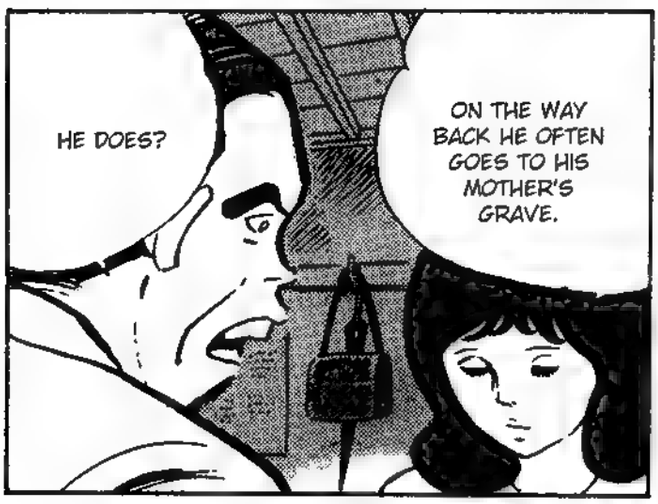
WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF SUCH A BIZARRE PHENOMENON?
I SAW IT ALL WITH MY OWN TWO EYES, IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN AN ILLUSION.
IT... IT'S GONE!
BUT SOMEHOW MY BODY KEPT IT TOGETHER AND, WITHOUT REALISING, I ENDED UP HERE.
I DIDN'T RETURN HOME. I WAS SO AFRAID OF DYING I LOST IT AND SUFFERED A BREAKDOWN.
THAT'S RIGHT. AS SOON AS MY TREATMENT WAS DONE I LEFT THE HOSPITAL.
SO YOU'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT THE OMINOUS WARNING THAT YOU'LL BE KILLED IN THE FUTURE.

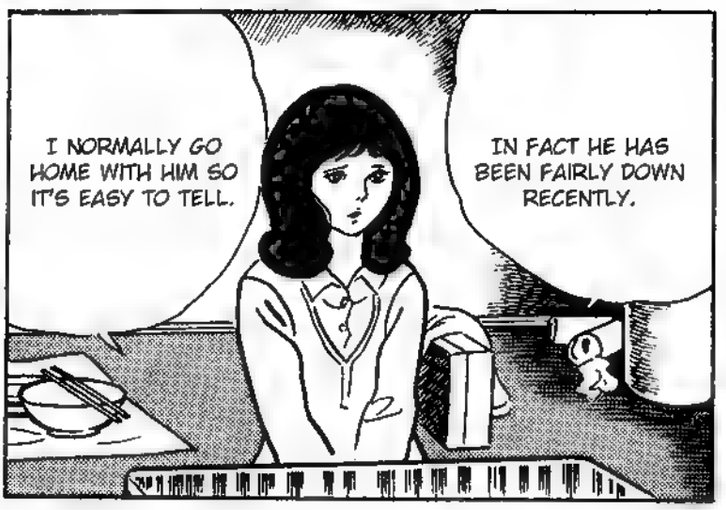

CORRECT. I MEAN IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO DIE YET!
AND YOU PICKED THIS UP TO PROTECT YOURSELF?

AAH, JUST WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?!
I'VE NO IDEA WHO'D BE HOLDING A GRUDGE AGAINST ME.

NOT AT ALL, WHICH IS WHAT MAKES IT SO TERRIFYING.
DO YOU REALLY HAVE NO CLUE WHO MIGHT BE AFTER YOU, MISTER?

JUST THINK OF SADAO-KUN AND ALL HE'LL GO THROUGH IF YOU STAY HOLED UP HERE.
PLEASE KEEP IT TOGETHER, MISTER.


HE DOES?
ON THE WAY BACK HE OFTEN GOES TO HIS MOTHER'S GRAVE.


I NORMALLY GO HOME WITH HIM SO IT'S EASY TO TELL.
IN FACT HE HAS BEEN FAIRLY DOWN RECENTLY.

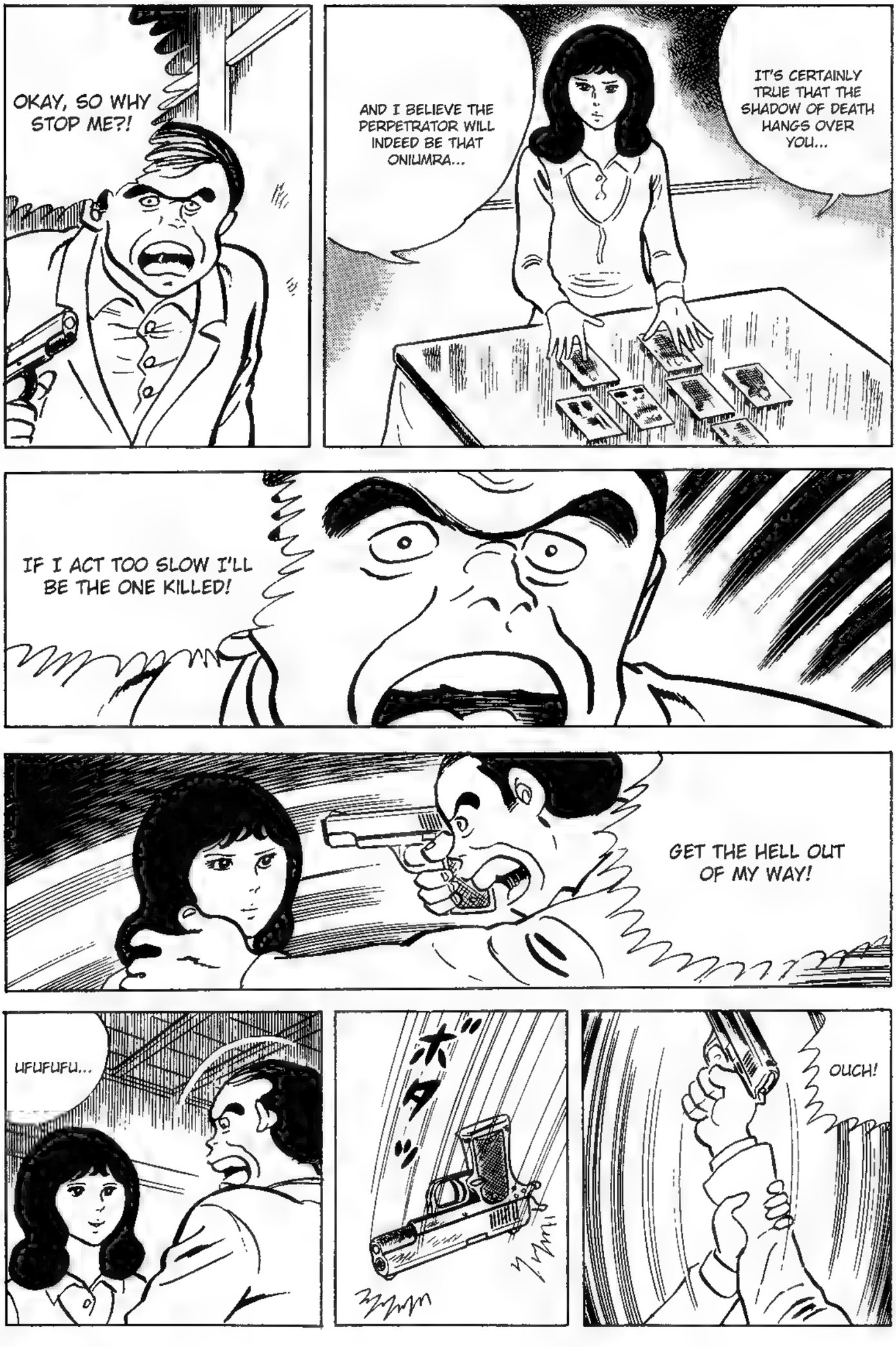
YEP. HE'S NORMALLY SUCH A RESERVED BOY BUT YOU CAN'T STOP HIM WHEN IT COMES TO HIS MOTHER.
HE'S TALKED TO YOU ABOUT HER HAS HE.
HE SAID HIS MOTHER WAS A BEAUTIFUL, KIND WOMAN WHO DIED OF ILLNESS.
BUT I THINK IT MAKES STRONG PEOPLE WHO WON'T GIVE UP, NO MATTER THE PAIN.
MM. YOU MIGHT CALL IT OLD FASHIONED, AND A RATHER OUTDATED WAY OF THINKING...
DEARIE ME, SOUNDS LIKE MY GRAN OUT IN THE COUNTRY.
SHE WAS A VERY STRICT WOMAN, I'D OFTEN GET HIT.
UFUFUFU...
THAT SAID SHE HAD A WONDERFUL SENSE OF HUMOUR.
STILL, RECENTLY HER FACE IS STARTING TO FADE FROM MY MIND.
IT'S JUST YOU'RE ALWAYS BRAGGING ABOUT YOUR MOTHER, SADAO-KUN.
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

EH?!
LIES!
I IMAGINE HE'S ALWAYS GOING TO HER GRAVE SO THAT HE DOESN'T LOSE THOSE MEMORIES OF...
SADAO IS LYING!
MY WIFE WAS A HORRIBLE WOMAN.
...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
SHE WAS SEEING A YAKUZA NAMED ONIMURA BEHIND MY BACK.
SHE WAS?!

NO WAY, YOU'VE HAD MORE THAN ENOUGH.
OI, GIMME ANOTHER DRINK.
IT WAS WHEN HE WAS STILL IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
SADAO SHOULD AT LEAST HAVE BEEN VAGUELY AWARE OF IT.
HAH!
I'M BACK MOTHER!
OH NO, ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? UFUFU...
WORRIED ABOUT MY BODY ARE YOU?
M... MM...
LOOK, I'LL EVEN GIVE YOU SOME MONEY.
COME ON, BE A GOOD BOY.
BUT I'VE HOMEWORK TO DO.
WHY DON'T YOU GO AND PLAY OUTSIDE TODAY, SADAO?

MY WIFE WAS BY NO MEANS A GOOD MOTHER TO HIM.
SO YOU'RE SAYING HE'S BEEN LYING TO ME ALL THIS TIME?
KIDS HIS AGE LIKE TO GLORIFY THEIR MUMS.
THEN WHAT HE'S BEEN TELLING ME ABOUT HAS BEEN AN IDEALISED IMAGE WHICH HE THOUGHT UP HIMSELF.
BUT I WASN'T AFRAID AND WENT STRAIGHT TO THE POLICE...
I'M AN EXECUTIVE AT A LEADING COMPANY, SO HE THREATENED TO SELL DETAILS ABOUT MY WIFE TO A WEEKLY MAGAZINE.
HE BLACKMAILED YOU?
PLUS THAT ONIMURA WAS A NASTY PIECE OF WORK. AT THE END HE EVEN TRIED TO BLACKMAIL ME.
IT... IT MUST BE HIM!
HAH!
OF COURSE.
AND THEY THEN CAUGHT HIM.

I'M SURE OF IT, WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED HE DID MENTION...
HE'D BE LOOKING TO SETTLE MATTERS! YES, HE'S THE ONE WHO'S AFTER ME!
I'LL SHOOT THE BASTARD RIGHT IN HIS CHEST!
DAMN IT, NO WAY IS SOME PIECE OF TRASH LIKE HIM GOING TO KILL ME!
THE HELL DO YOU MEAN?!
YOU MUSTN'T GET WOUND UP, MISTER.


OKAY, SO WHY STOP ME?!
AND I BELIEVE THE PERPETRATOR WILL INDEED BE THAT ONIUMRA...
IT'S CERTAINLY TRUE THAT THE SHADOW OF DEATH HANGS OVER YOU...
IF I ACT TOO SLOW I'LL BE THE ONE KILLED!
GET THE HELL OUT OF MY WAY!
UFUFUFU...
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OUCH!

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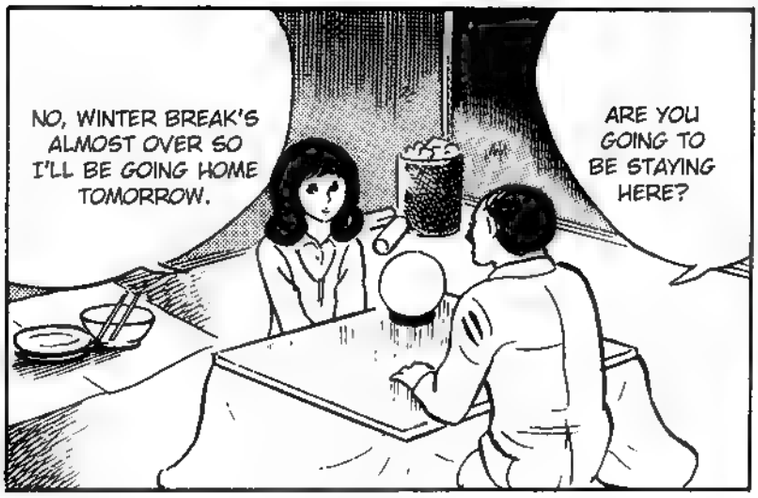
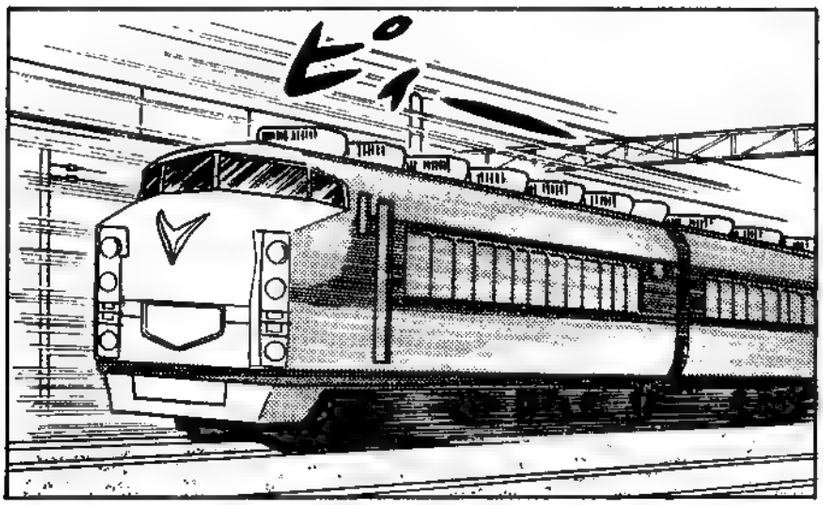
PLEASE, TAKE A LOOK INTO THE CRYSTAL BALL...
CALMED DOWN NOW, MISTER.
TAKE A GOOD, CLOSE LOOK. WHERE DO YOU IMAGINE THIS IS?
TH... THAT'S ONIMURA!
CORRECT. I IMAGINE HE COMMITTED ENOUGH OTHER CRIMES THAT HE'S NOT BEEN RELEASED YET.
HE... HE'S IN PRISON!
I FEEL CALM ENOUGH NOW TO RETURN HOME.
YOU HAVE MY THANKS.
AHAHAHA!
WHAT A MESS...
SO THEN IT WAS POINTLESS ME LEAVING HOME AND HIDING OUT HERE...


NO, WINTER BREAK'S ALMOST OVER SO I'LL BE GOING HOME TOMORROW.
ARE YOU GOING TO BE STAYING HERE?

THIS IS GREAT NEWS, SADAO-KUN WILL BE OVER THE MOON TOO.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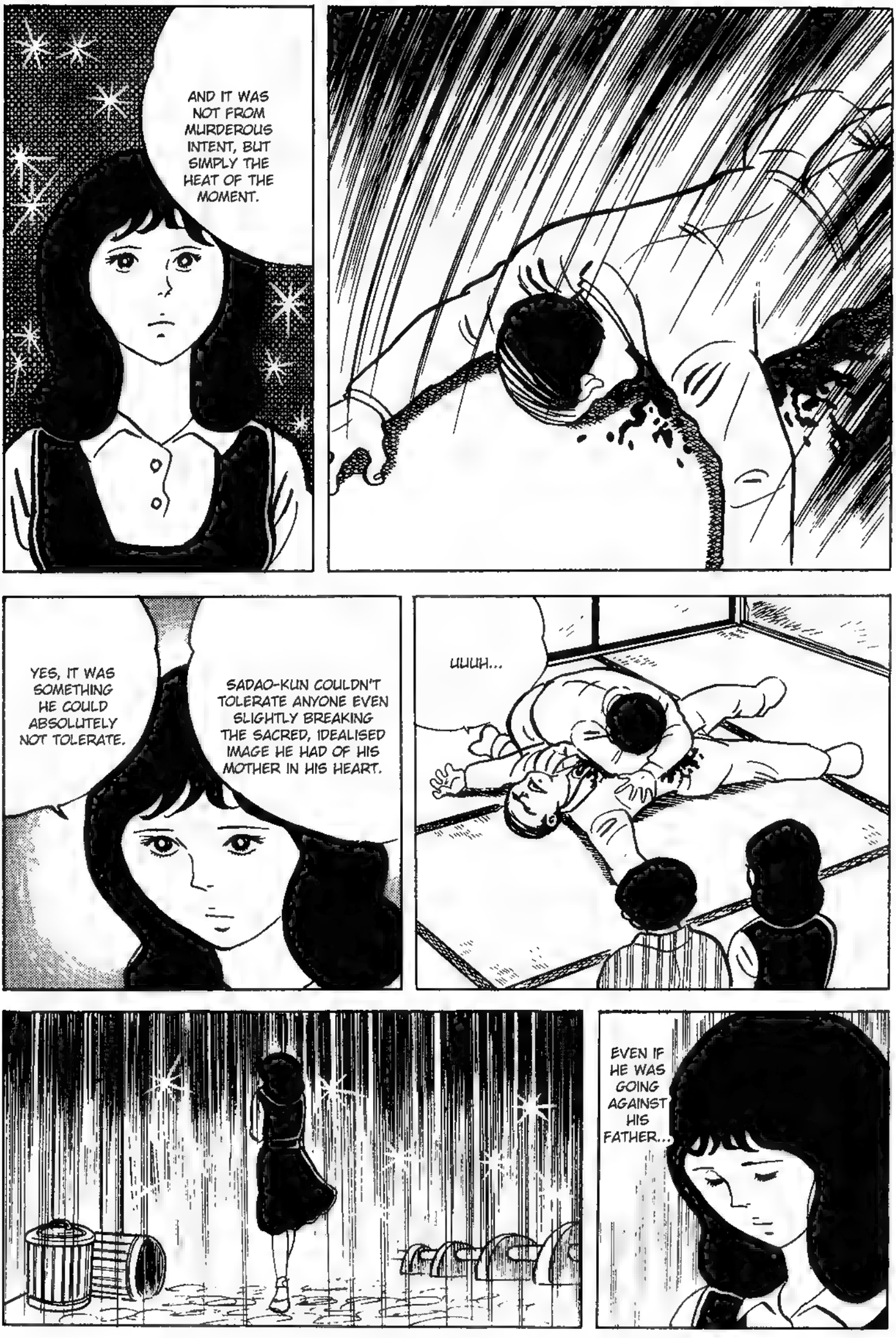
SURE.
ALRIGHT, WELL YOU CAN COME BACK WITH ME IF YOU WANT.

THAT NIGHT...

EEH.
SADAO-KUN'S FATHER WAS...?!
YES, THIS IS KUROI.
I... IMPOSSIBLE...
SHOT... WITH A PISTOL!

WHO IN THE WORLD DID THIS?
WH... WHAT'S GOING ON?
AAAAARGH!
EEH, YOU SADAO-KUN?!
I KILLED HIM!
I... I DID...
AND YET YOU DIDN'T CONTACT ME FOR A YEAR, HOW CRUEL CAN YOU BE?
I'M TELLING YOU THE HONEST TRUTH, I DIDN'T FORGET AND ABANDON YOU.
AND THE YOUNG MASTER GOT INTO A FIGHT RIGHT AWAY.
AFTER BEING BACK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SO LONG THE MASTER...
THIS IS ALL YOUR HORRID MOTHER'S FAULT.
YOU SHOULD KNOW ONIMURA. HE WAS AFTER MY LIFE.
LOOK, I EVEN WENT AND GOT A GUN TO PROTECT MYSELF.
I KEEP TELLING YOU, I WAS FLEEING FOR MY LIFE.

L... LIAR!
YOUR MOTHER DIED FROM AN ILLNESS SHE GOT MESSING AROUND WITH THAT MAN...
!
YOU KNOW FULL WELL SHE WAS!
LIAR, LIAR!
MOTHER WASN'T THAT KIND OF A PERSON!
I SAID TO STOP IT!
S... SADAO!
YOU BETTER STOP SAYING THAT!
THUS THE SCENE PLAYED OUT EXACTLY LIKE IT HAD ON THE TV.


AND IT WAS NOT FROM MURDEROUS INTENT, BUT SIMPLY THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT.
YES, IT WAS SOMETHING HE COULD ABSOLUTELY NOT TOLERATE.
SADAO-KUN COULDN'T TOLERATE ANYONE EVEN SLIGHTLY BREAKING THE SACRED, IDEALISED IMAGE HE HAD OF HIS MOTHER IN HIS HEART.
UUUUH...
EVEN IF HE WAS GOING AGAINST HIS FATHER...

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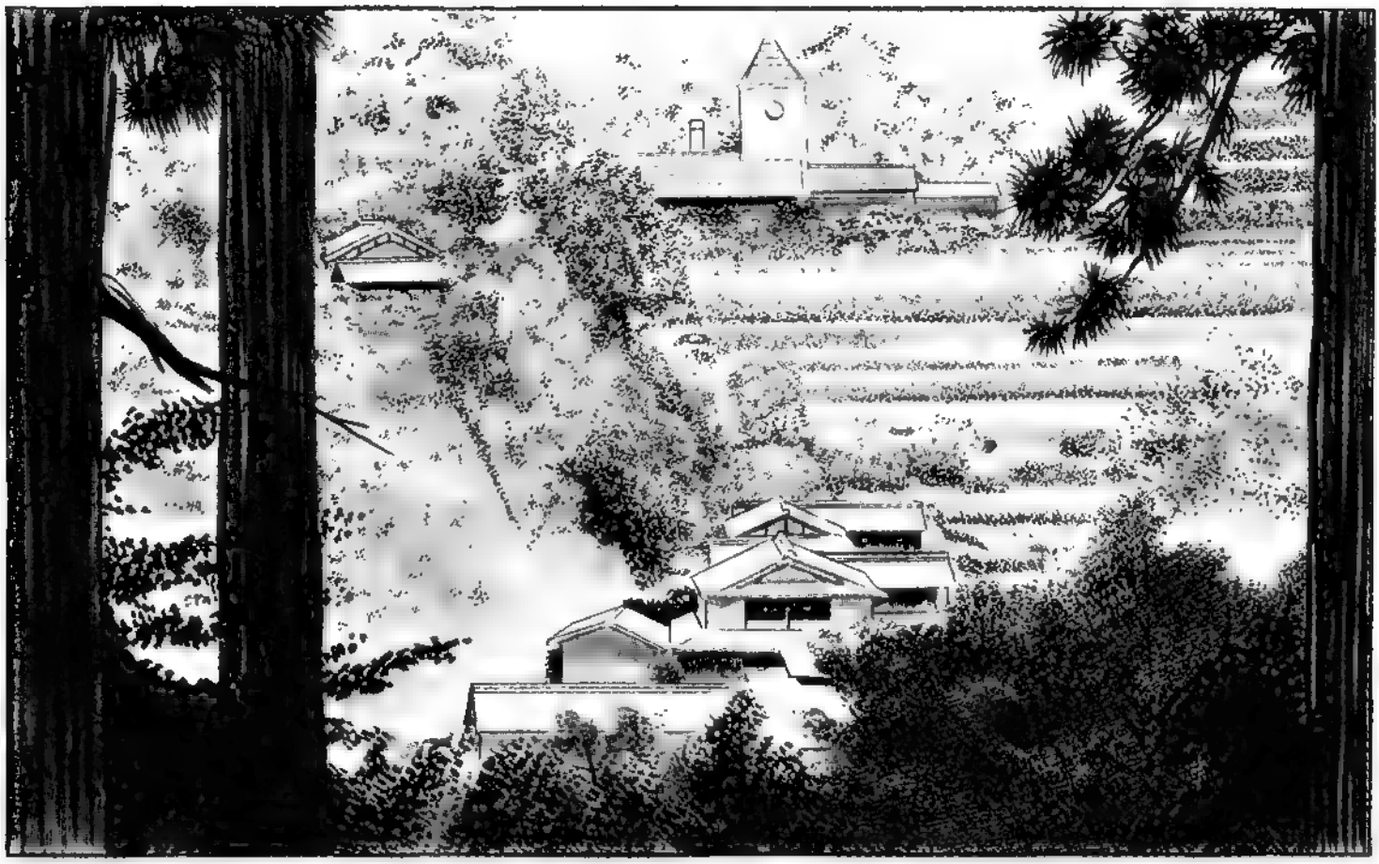
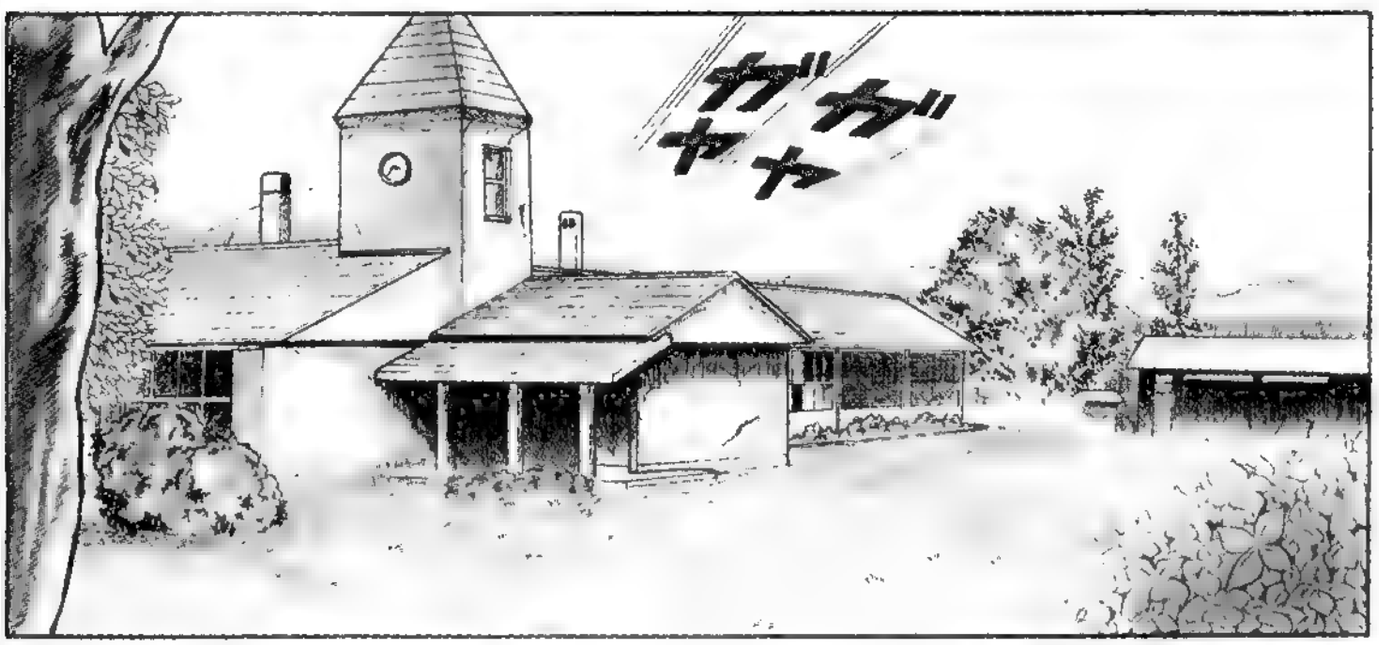
THE FALLING HEAD

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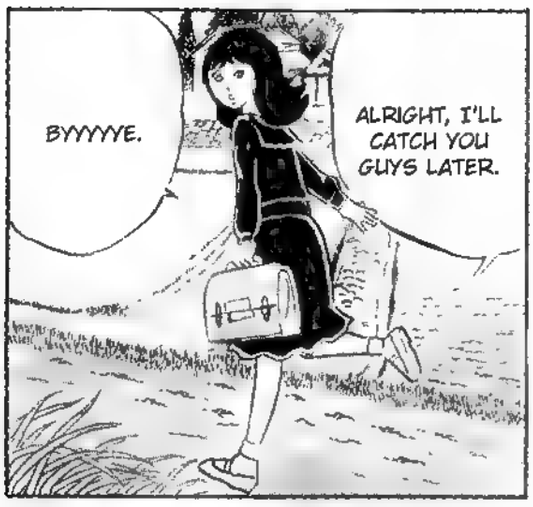
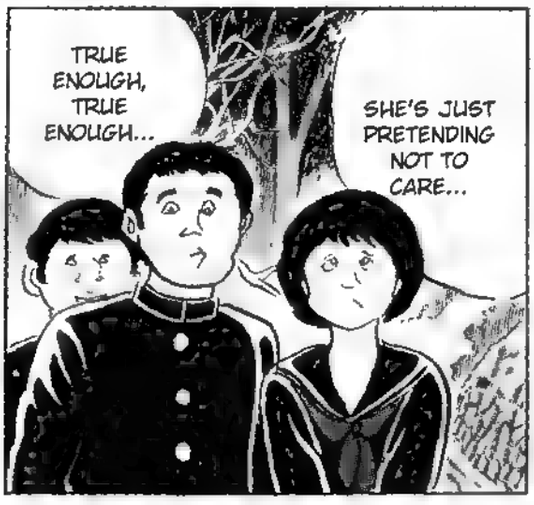
PRETTY CRAZY EH, THAT'S HANAMOTO-SENSEI. ALL THE BOYS HAVE A CRUSH ON HER.
I NEVER WOULDA EXPECTED SUCH A YOUNG, BEAUTIFUL TEACHER IN A SCHOOL SO FAR OUT IN THE MOUNTAINS...

AND THAT'S ALL WE HAVE TIME FOR TODAY.

NOW CLASS, MAKE SURE YOU ALL HEAD STRAIGHT HOME. NO LOITERING.
I'M A GIRL AND EVEN I'M TAKEN BY HER.
SHE'S EXTREMELY ELEGANT AND STYLISH...
OUCH!
SEE, WHAT DID I TELL YOU.
WATCH YOUR FEET, KUROI-SAN.
AAAARGH, IT'S ALREADY PITCH BLACK OUTSIDE.

AAAAH, I DROPPED ALL MY STUFF.
BOOK
MY PURSE IS GONE.
OH!
I'M NOT EXACTLY PROUD TO ADMIT THIS, BUT I'VE FALLEN OVER THREE TIMES SINCE TRANSFERRING.
COUNTRY ROADS ARE PRETTY BAD, IT'S NOT LIKE IN THE CITY.
OF COURSE.
YOU'RE GONNA GO BACK TO SCHOOL, KUROI-SAN?
DRAT, I MUST'VE FORGOTTEN IT IN MY DESK.
MM. BUT OUR SCHOOL CAN FEEL FAIRLY CREEPY AT NIGHT.
IT'S FINE. NOT LIKE A GHOST IS GONNA JUMP ME OR ANYTHING.
PLUS ALL THE LIGHTS WILL BE OUT.
YOU SURE? EVERYONE ELSE WILL'VE GONE BY NOW.


BYYYYYE.
ALRIGHT, I'LL CATCH YOU GUYS LATER.


TRUE ENOUGH, TRUE ENOUGH...
SHE'S JUST PRETENDING NOT TO CARE...

UFUFUFU. SORRY BUT I'M NOT IN THE LEAST BIT AFRAID.
TRYING TO SCARE THE TRANSFER STUDENT ARE YOU.

GOSH, THEY WERE RIGHT TO SAY THAT THE SCHOOL IS CREEPY...
AND OF COURSE, MY CLASS IS THE FURTHEST AWAY...
IT WAS ALMOST LIKE TEETH CHATTERING.
I WONDER WHAT MADE THAT ODD SOUND...?
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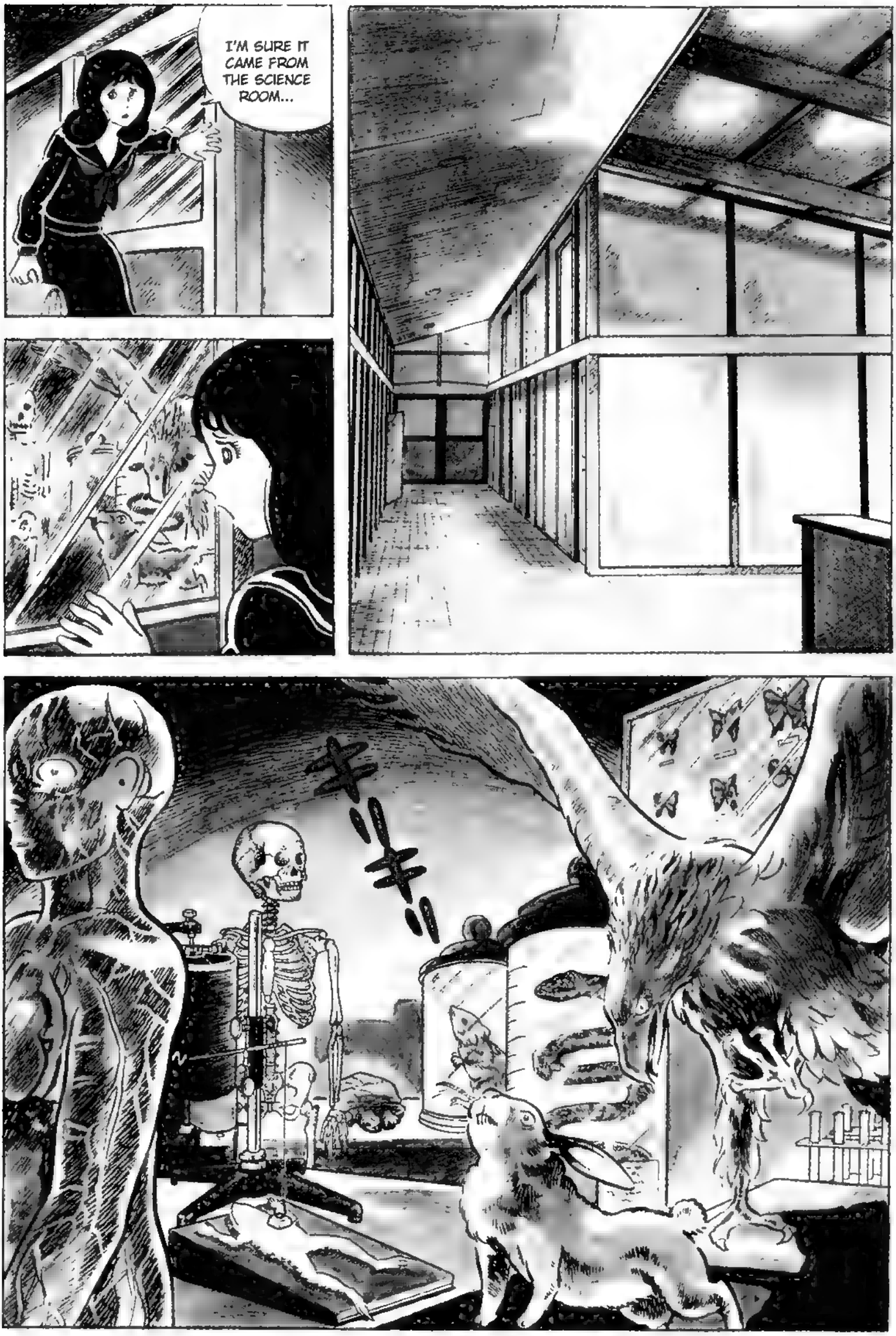
I'M SURE IT CAME FROM THE SCIENCE ROOM...

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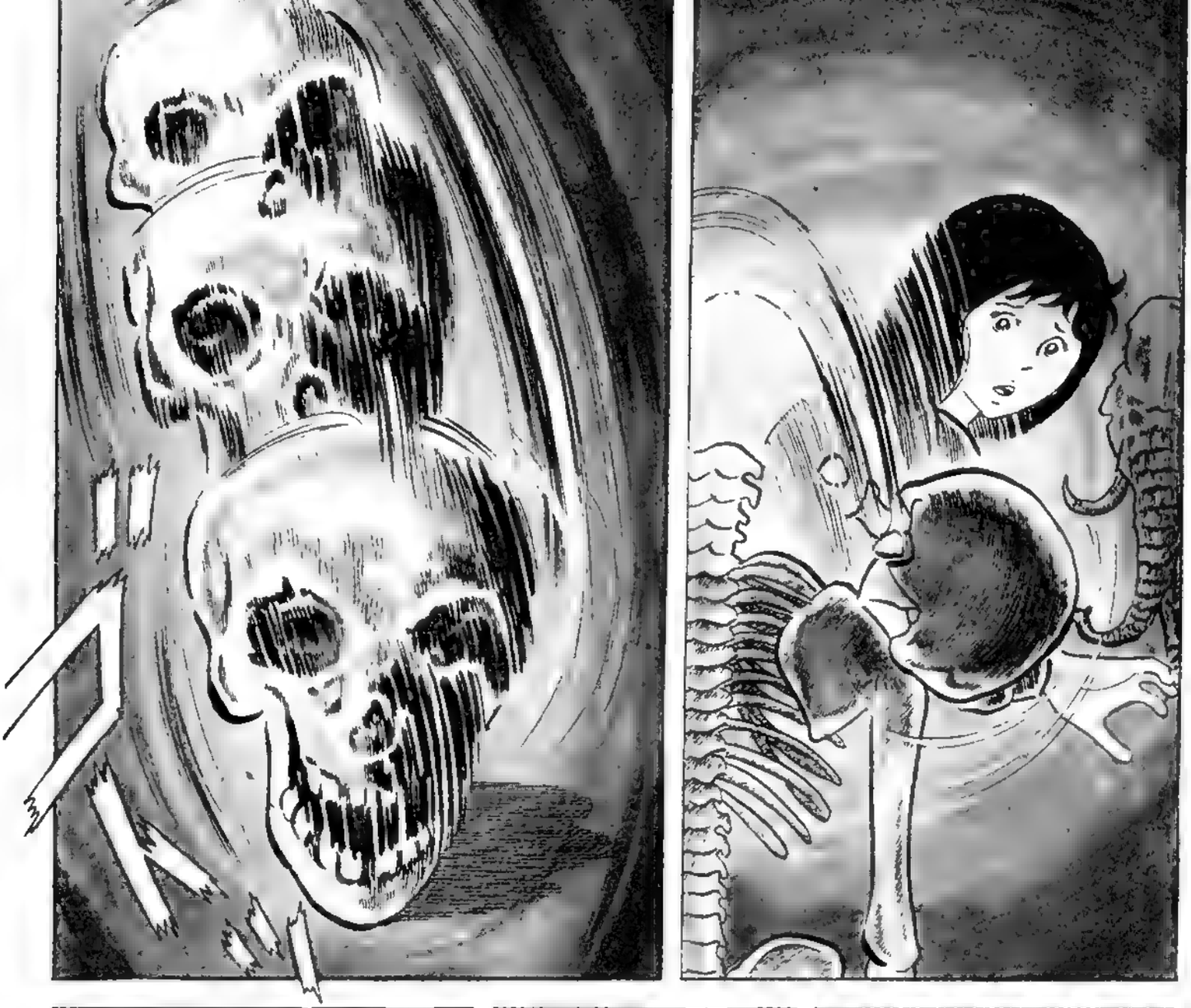
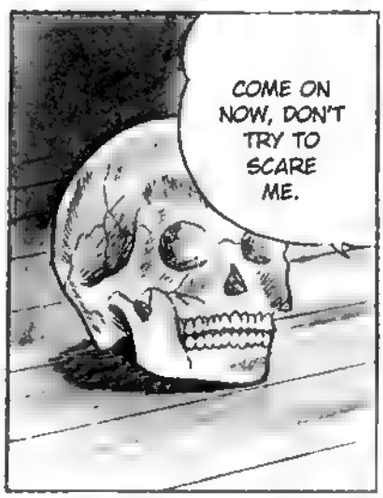
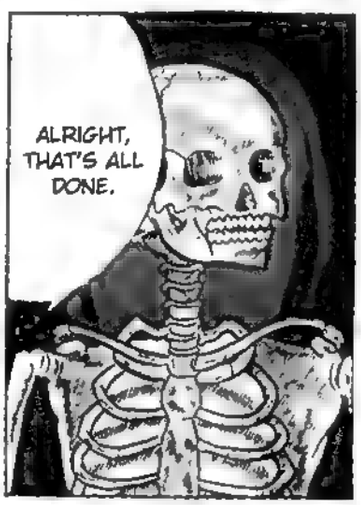
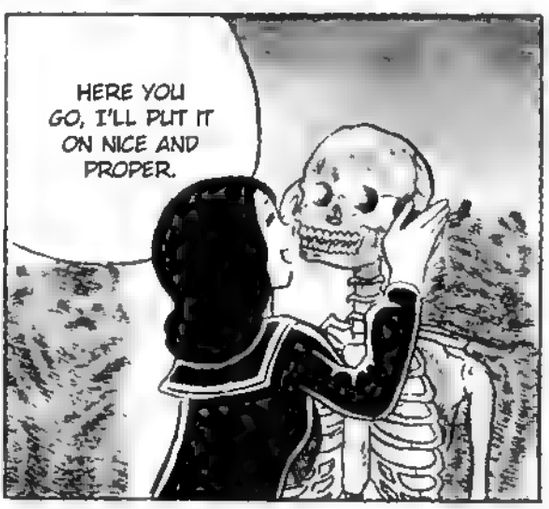
HAH!

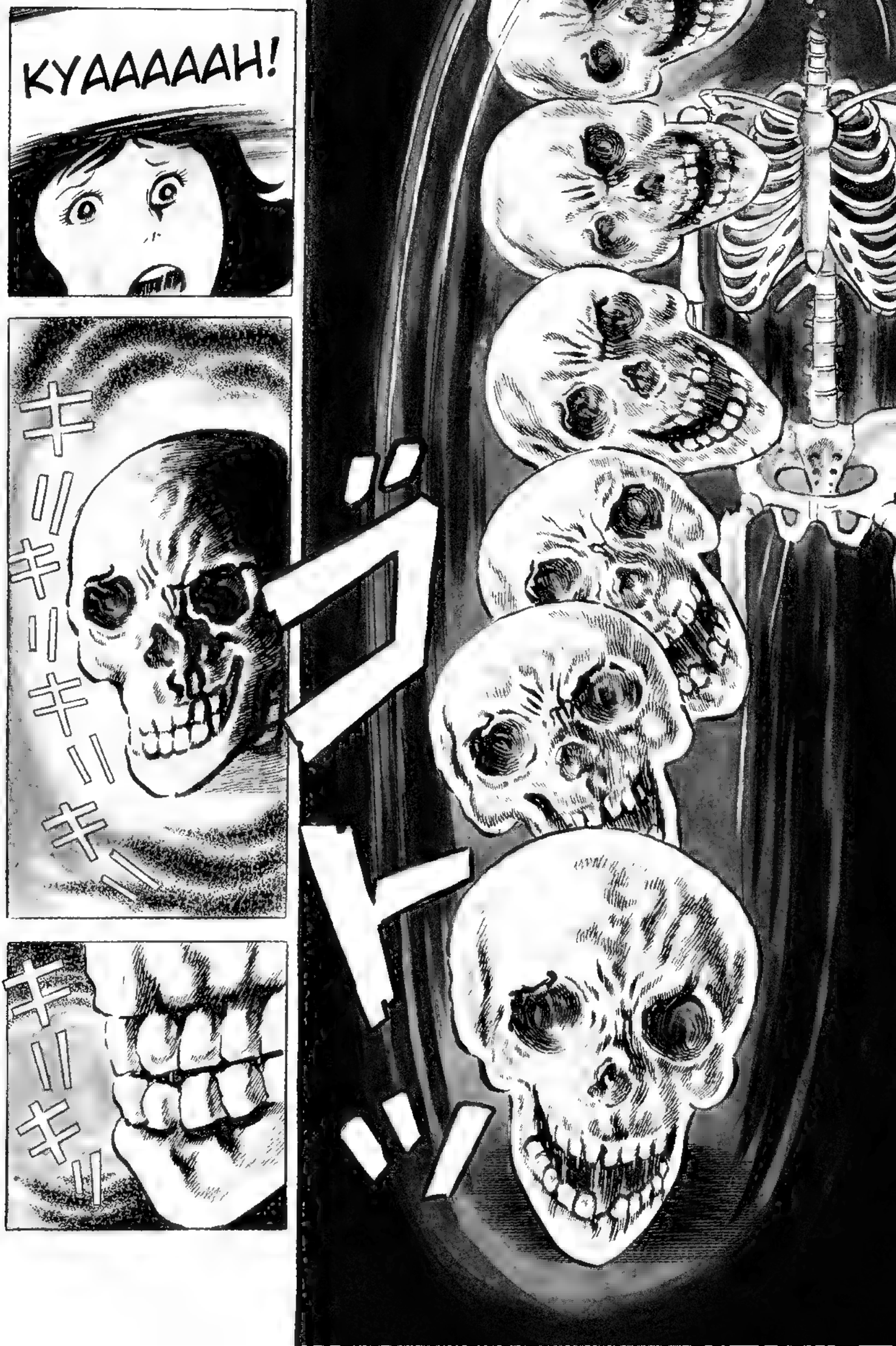


YOU CAN HAVE ALL THE FAKES YOU LIKE, I'M NOT GOING TO BE SCARED BY JUST A HEAD FALLING.


COME ON NOW, DON'T TRY TO SCARE ME.


ALRIGHT, THAT'S ALL DONE.


HERE YOU GO, I'LL PUT IT ON NICE AND PROPER.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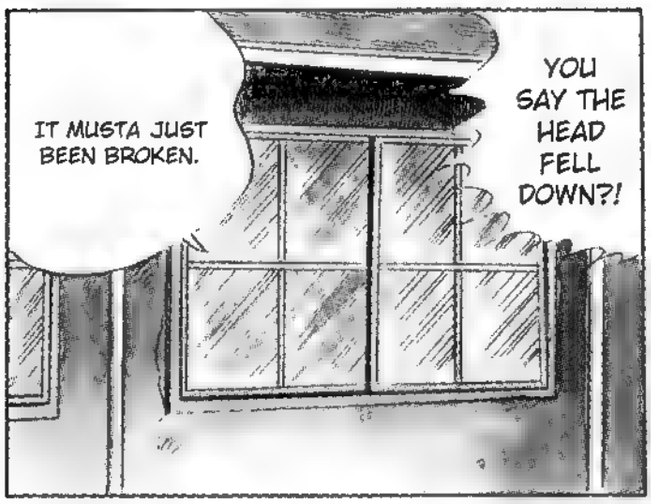
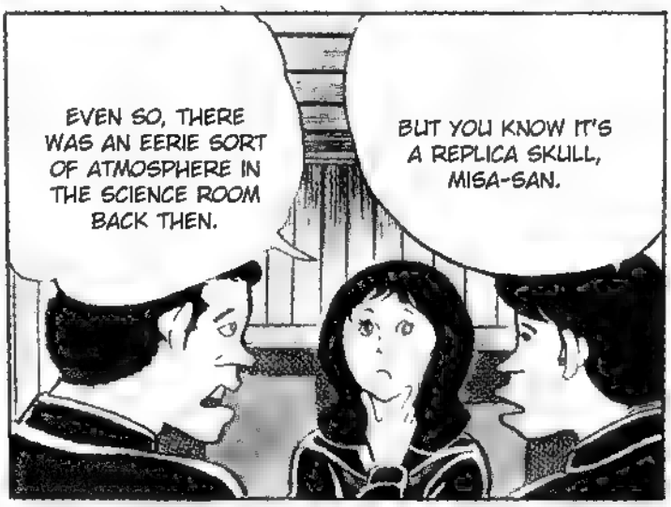

IT MUSTA JUST BEEN BROKEN.
YOU SAY THE HEAD FELL DOWN?!

YOU ALSO SAID THE TEETH WERE CHATTERING.
HOW OMINOUS. I WONDER WHY IT WAS ONLY THE HEAD?

NOT AT ALL. IT OUTRIGHT SNAPPED AND FELL DOWN ON ITS OWN.

THAT COULD BE BAD!
H... HOLD ON NOW.
WELL, WHY DON'T WE ALL GO AND SEE FOR OURSELVES.


EVEN SO, THERE WAS AN EERIE SORT OF ATMOSPHERE IN THE SCIENCE ROOM BACK THEN.
BUT YOU KNOW IT'S A REPLICA SKULL, MISA-SAN.

YOU SEE LAST NIGHT, WHEN I PANICKED AND RAN OUT INTO THE CORRIDOR...
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT?!
SPEAK PROPERLY!
TRUTH IS, UHM...
BAD? WHY?
HAAH, HAAH.
OH MY, HANAMOTO-SENSEI!
IT WOULD SEEM YOU'VE SEEN SOMETHING YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE.
DID YOU JUST LEAVE THE SCIENCE ROOM?

EEH?!
YOU MUST NOT TELL ANYONE ABOUT WHAT YOU SAW KUROI-SAN!

A... ALRIGHT...!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME?!

HANAMOTO-SENSEI'S A SUPER KIND TEACHER!
COULD YOU STOP MESSING AROUND KUROI-SAN.

IT FELT LIKE MY ENTIRE BODY HAD BEEN FROZEN.
SHE HAD A REAL SCARY LOOK...

HANAMOTO-SENSEI SAID THAT...?!
AND SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.

COME ON, JUST WAIT A MIN!
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YOU CAN'T ALL GO. WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE IF HANAMOTO-SENSEI DOES FIND OUT!
WHATEVER THE CASE WE'LL FIND OUT BY TAKING A LOOK.
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理科室
HANAMOTO-SENSEI!

T/N: THE SIGN READS "SCIENCE ROOM".

R... RIGHT.
COME TO THE FRONT KUROI-SAN.
I'M SO SORRY.
DIDN'T YOU MAKE ME A PROMISE...
I'LL TELL YOU THE SECRET OF THIS SKELETON.
IF YOU ALL KNOW THEN THERE'S NOT MUCH ELSE FOR IT.
I GUESS IT SHOULD BE FINE.
UFUFU, WELL I GUESS THESE THINGS HAPPEN. GIRLS WILL BE GIRLS.
I SHOULD ADD THAT IT WASN'T SIMPLY LAST NIGHT, IN FACT THEY'LL GO FROM THE BODY EVERY NIGHT WITHOUT FAIL!
AS KUROI-SAN HAPPENED TO SEE LAST NIGHT, THE REMAINS OF HIS HEAD WILL FALL OFF ON THEIR OWN ACCORD.

YES, IT HAD BEEN A VERY COLD NIGHT...
UNTIL HE SUDDENLY COLLAPSED FROM ILLNESS.
YOU MIGHT WELL KNOW THIS, BUT UNTIL LAST YEAR MY FATHER WAS HEADMASTER AT THIS SCHOOL...
I THINK IT'S TOO LATE FOR ME NOW.
YOU SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT RECOVERING QUICKER, THE STUDENTS ARE WAITING FOR YOU.
COME ON FATHER YOU'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT NOTHING BUT THE SCHOOL.
THE SCHOOL BUILDING'S PRETTY WORN DOWN.
KYOKO, WILL THINGS BE ALRIGHT IN THIS BLIZZARD?
PLEASE KYOKO, COULD YOU HEAR OUT MY DEAREST OF REQUESTS?
EVEN SO, IT'LL BE HARD FOR ME TO PART FROM THE STUDENTS AND THE SCHOOL.
NOT AT ALL. IT'S JUST THAT ONE KNOWS ONE'S OWN BODY BEST.
DON'T BE SO TIMID...

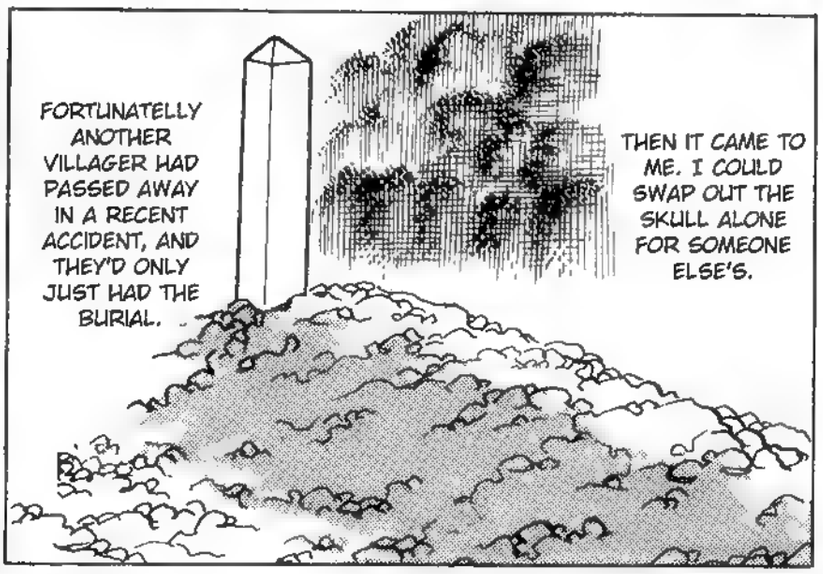
AFTER I'M DEAD I WANT YOU TO PLACE MY BODY IN THE SCIENCE ROOM AS A MODEL.
YES FATHER, ASK FOR WHATEVER YOU WANT...
I'VE WRITTEN THE DETAILS OF HOW TO DO SO IN MY WILL.
THAT IS, I WANT YOU TO PUT MY REMAINS TOGETHER AND DECORATE THEM SUCH THAT THEY'RE LIKE A SKELETON MODEL.
WILL
EEEH?!
YET IF MY REMAINS WERE TO BE PRESERVED IN THE SCIENCE ROOM, IT'D BE LIKE I WAS ALWAYS BY THEIR SIDE.
I'VE SAID THIS ALREADY, I JUST COULDN'T BEAR TO PART FROM MY BELOVED STUDENTS.
BUT WHY DO YOU WANT THAT?
SHORTLY AFTER THAT HE BREATHED HIS LAST BREATH.
I'M BEGGING YOU, PLEASE INDULGE MY SELFISHNESS.
YOU MIGHT THINK THIS IS FOOLISH, BUT GIVE IT A FEW DAYS TO MULL OVER...

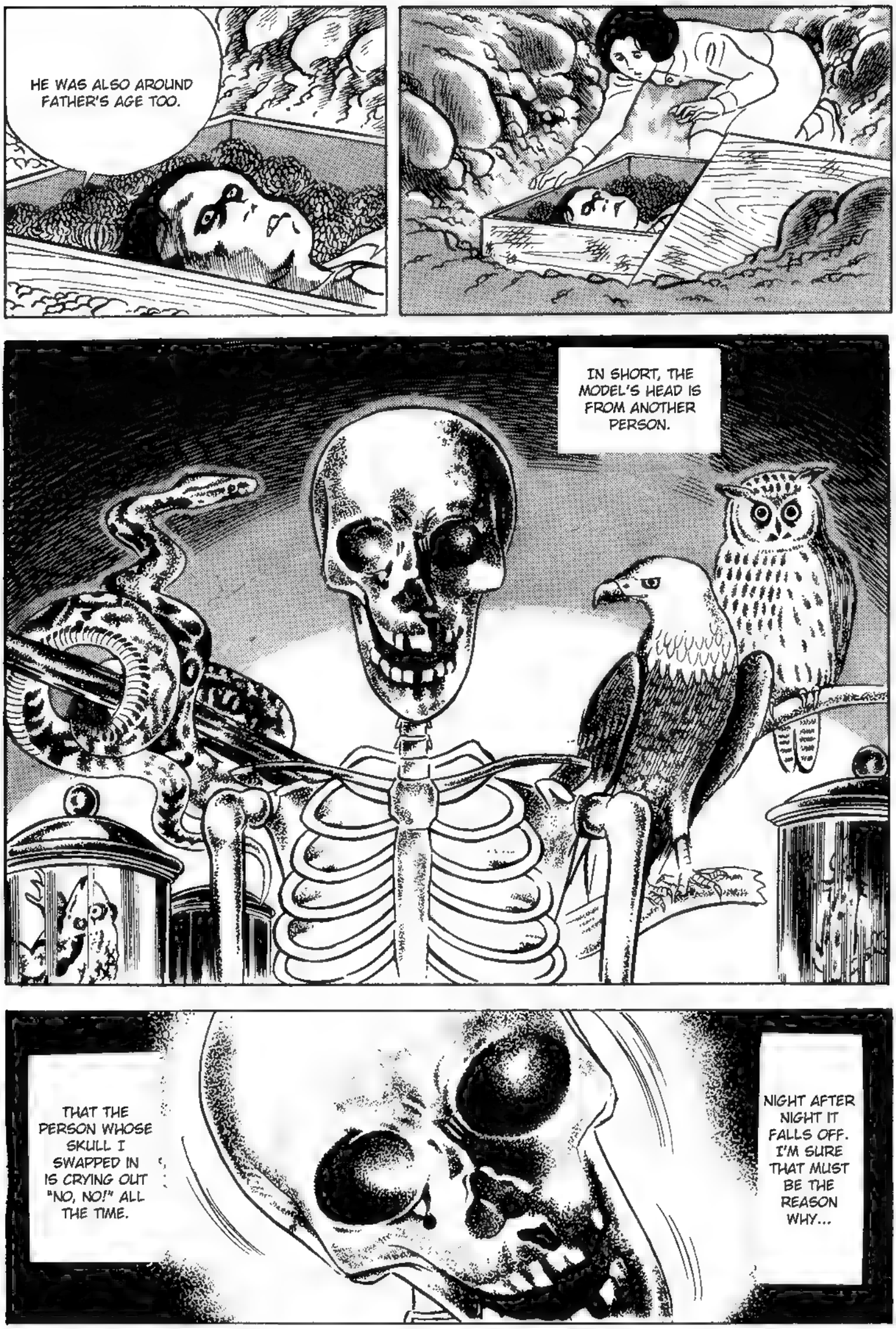
KYAAAH!
EEEEEH?!
S... SO YOU ACTUALLY WENT ALONG WITH HIS WILL SENSEI?!
CORRECT. AND GIVEN YOU NEVER NOTICED UNTIL NOW I GUESS IT MEANS I MADE HIM INTO A PERFECT MODEL.
IN FACT IT CAME ABOUT VIA QUITE AN UNIMAGINABLE EVENT.
WELL, FINE WORK, NO? IT TOOK A LOT OF EFFORT TO GET HIM SO FLAWLESS.
OH!
ON THE NIGHT IN QUESTION I'D BEEN WORKING BY CANDELIGHT, AFTER THE RAGING BLIZZARD HAD KNOCKED OUT POWER...
THEY COULD ALMOST BE A FACE...
THERE ARE HOLES OR SOMETHING IN THE BACK OF HIS SKULL!

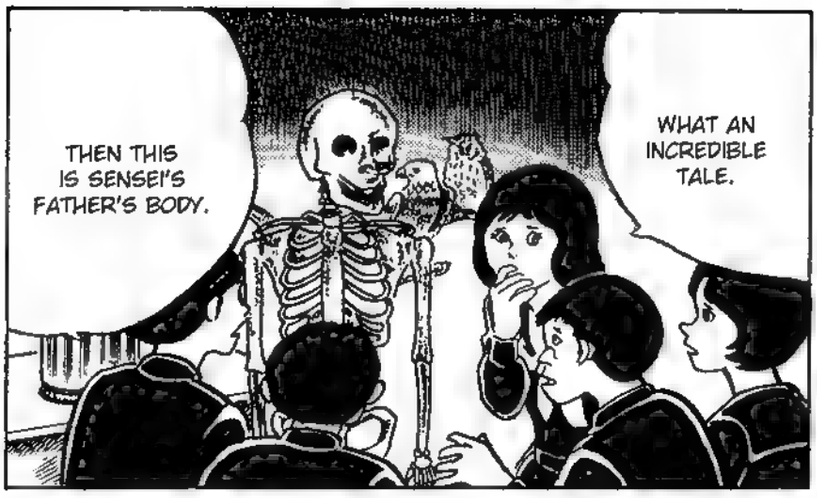
BUT THERE COULD BE NO DOUBT! IT SHOWED A PERSON'S FACE!
I CHECKED OVER THE SKULL MANY TIMES BY CANDLE LIGHT...

I IMAGINE FATHER WAS COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF THIS BIZARRE AFFLICTION.
MY, WHAT A BIZARRE TURN OF EVENTS.

WHAT IN THE WORLD AM I TO DO...
AND YET I'M MEANT TO DISPLAY THIS UNSIGHTLY FIGURE IN THE SCIENCE ROOM...


FORTUNATELLY ANOTHER VILLAGER HAD PASSED AWAY IN A RECENT ACCIDENT, AND THEY'D ONLY JUST HAD THE BURIAL.
THEN IT CAME TO ME. I COULD SWAP OUT THE SKULL ALONE FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S.


HE WAS ALSO AROUND FATHER'S AGE TOO.
IN SHORT, THE MODEL'S HEAD IS FROM ANOTHER PERSON.
THAT THE PERSON WHOSE SKULL I SWAPPED IN IS CRYING OUT "NO, NO!" ALL THE TIME.
NIGHT AFTER NIGHT IT FALLS OFF. I'M SURE THAT MUST BE THE REASON WHY...


THEN THIS IS SENSEI'S FATHER'S BODY.
WHAT AN INCREDIBLE TALE.

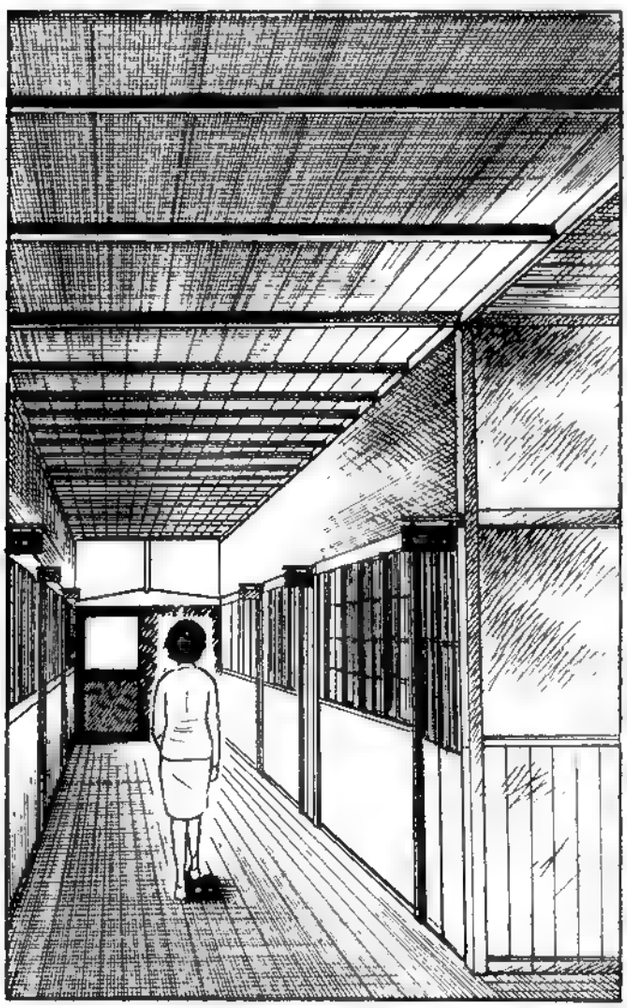
I BET YOU JUST MADE THAT UP TO FRIGHTEN US SENSEI!
EVEN SO, THE IDEA THAT SOMEONE WOULD HAVE A SECOND FACE ON THE BACK OF THEIR IS LIKE A SCARY STORY IN AND OF ITSELF.

EEEP!

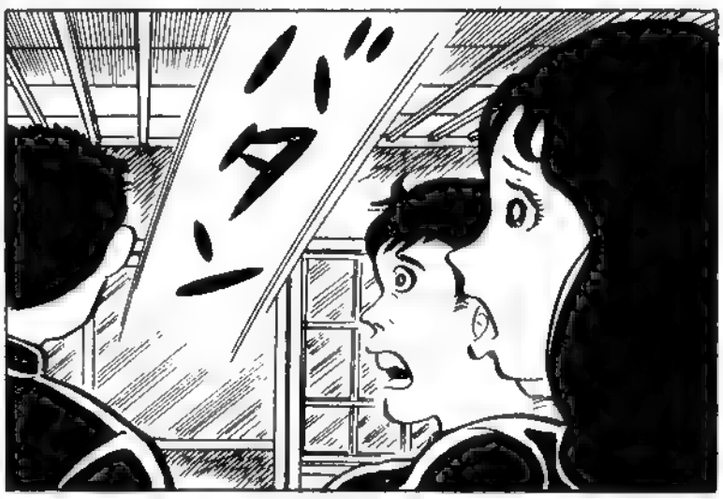
I AM THE HEADMASTER'S DAUGHTER YOU KNOW...

YOU THINK I LIED TO YOU DO YOU?!

TAKE A GOOD LOOK! YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME NOW!



KIDS THESE DAYS SURE ARE A SCEPTICAL LOT!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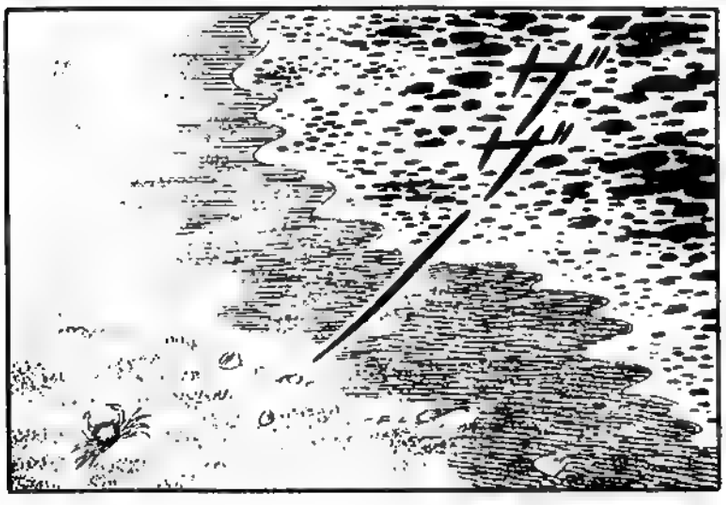
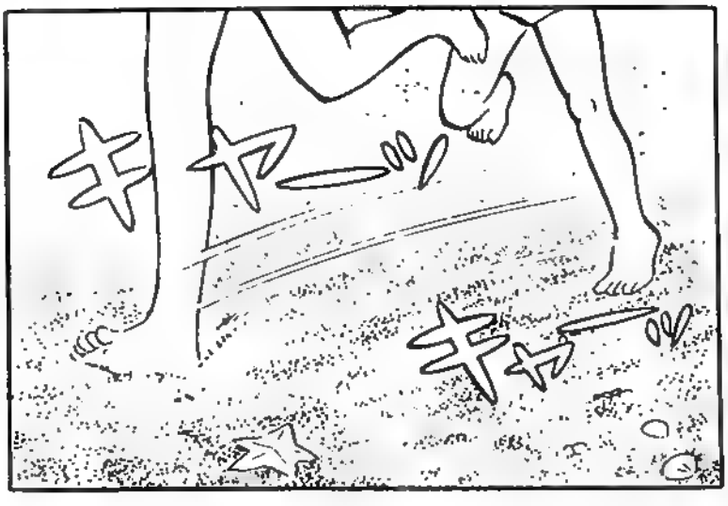
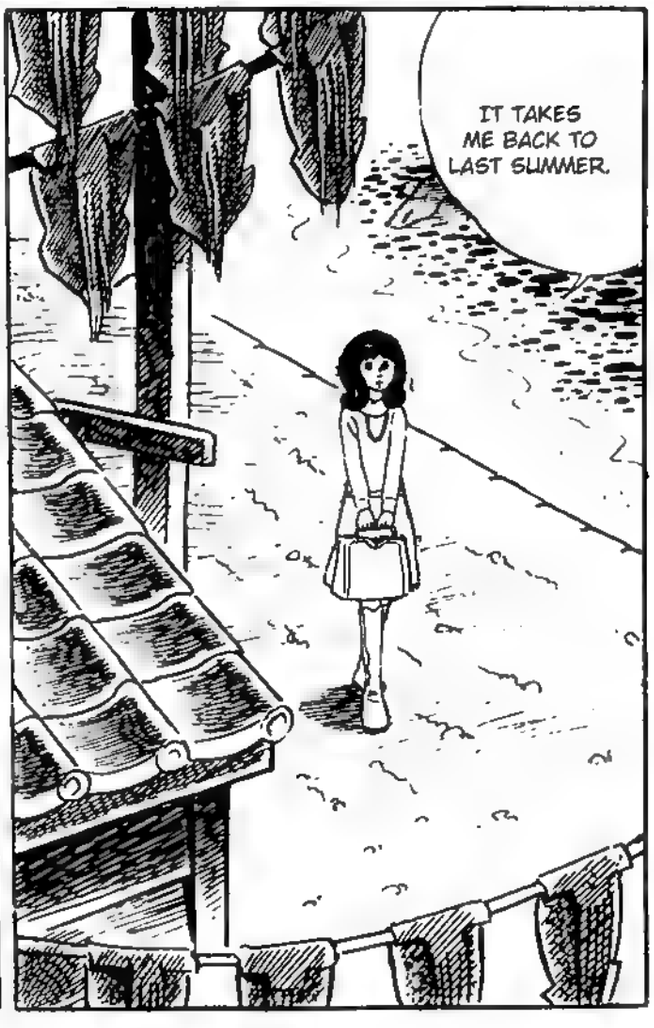
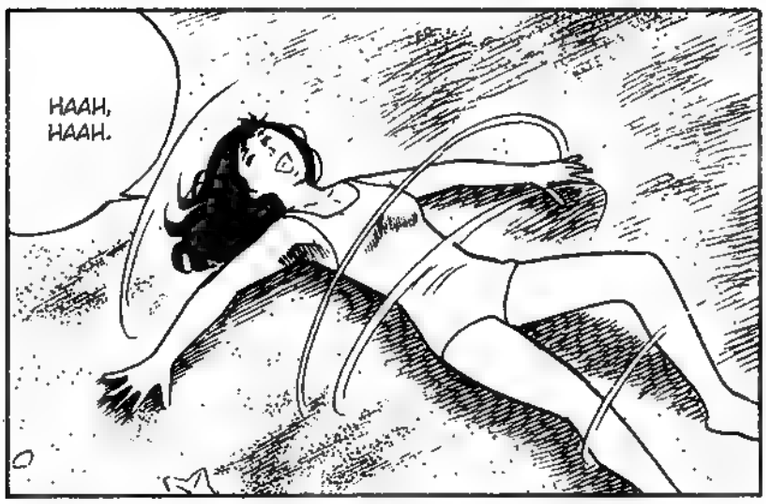
A SINGER AND A MURDERER

AAARGH, THE SMELL OF SALT!






IT TAKES ME BACK TO LAST SUMMER.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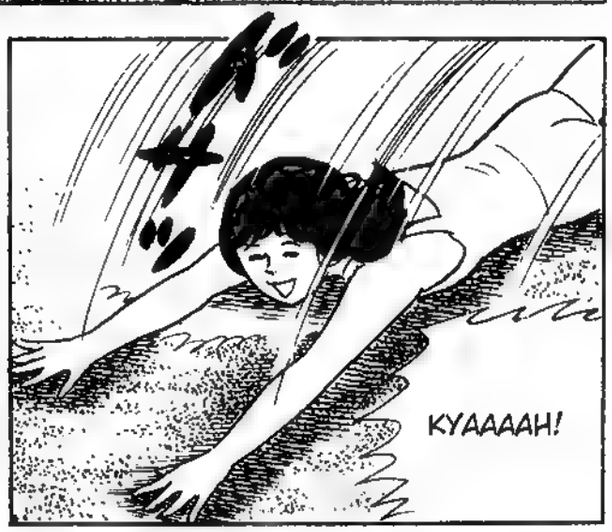
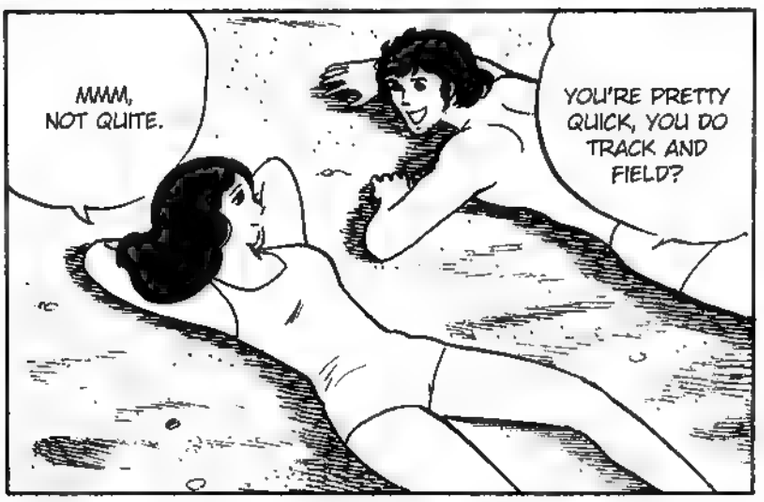
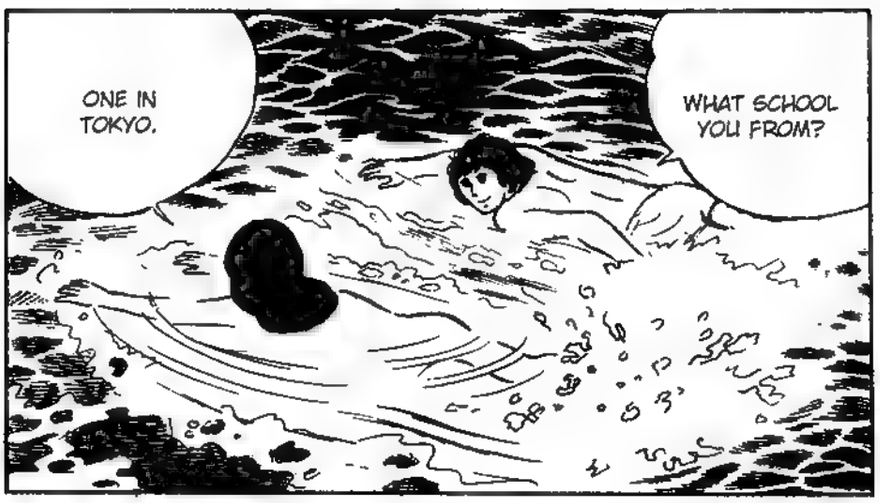

KYAAAAH!

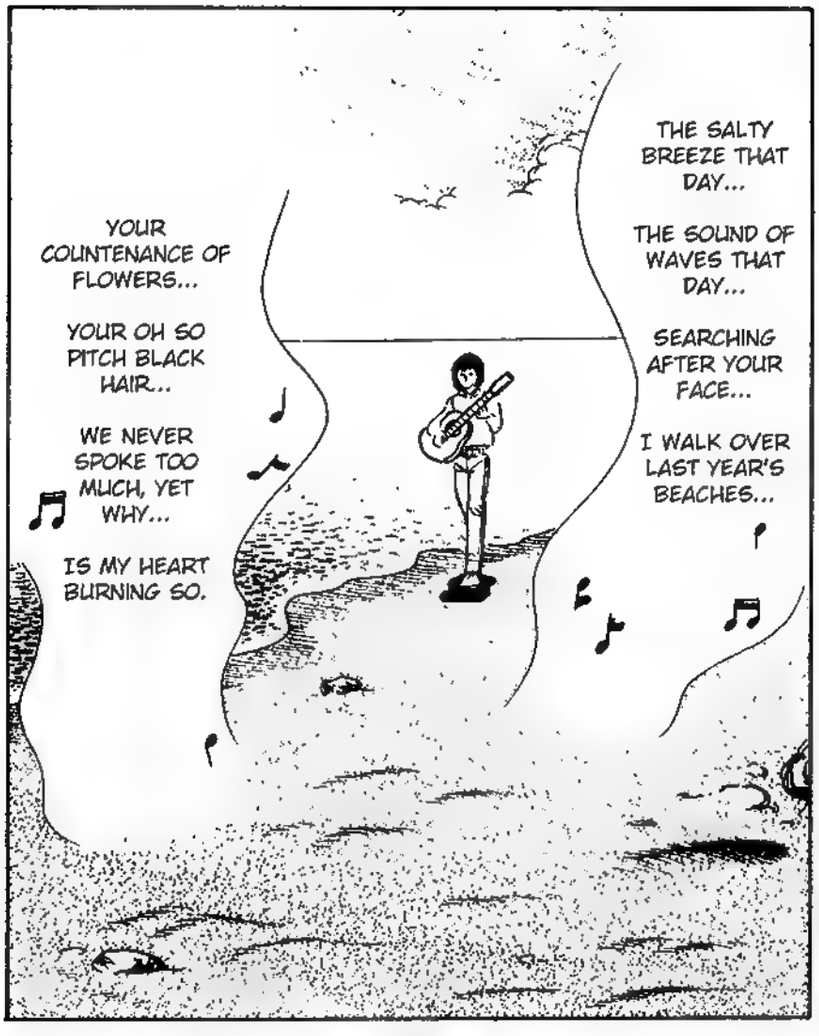
ALRIGHT,
HOW ABOUT A
SWIMMING RACE
NEXT?


MMM,
NOT QUITE.
YOU'RE PRETTY
QUICK, YOU DO
TRACK AND
FIELD?


ONE IN
TOKYO.
WHAT SCHOOL
YOU FROM?

WHATEVER YOU
WANT, UFUFU.

FOR SOME REASON I CAN'T FORGET THAT DAY. NOW IT'S WINTER AND I'VE COME TO THE SEA AGAIN.
WE ONLY TALKED ABOUT EVERYDAY THINGS AFTER BUT...
BUT WHAT A LOVELY PERSON HE WAS.
I CAN RECALL BEING PRETTY ANNOYED WHEN I LOST AT SWIMMING.
COULD I HAVE A CRUSH ON HIM.
OH MY.
WHAT IS GOING ON WITH ME, HE'S ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT.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YOUR OH SO PITCH BLACK HAIR...
WE NEVER SPOKE TOO MUCH, YET WHY...
IS MY HEART BURNING SO.
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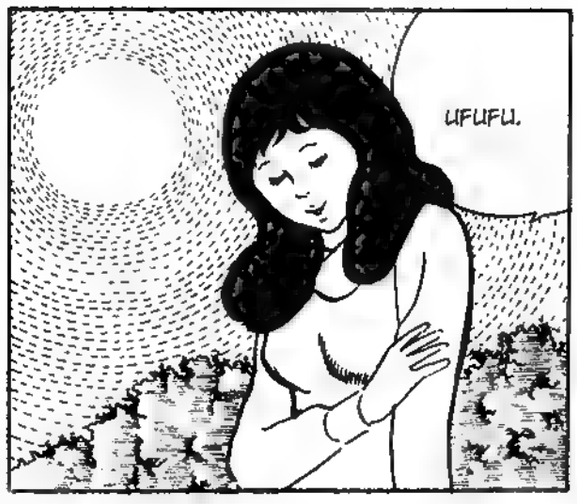
SEARCHING AFTER YOUR FACE...
I WALK OVER LAST YEAR'S BEACHES...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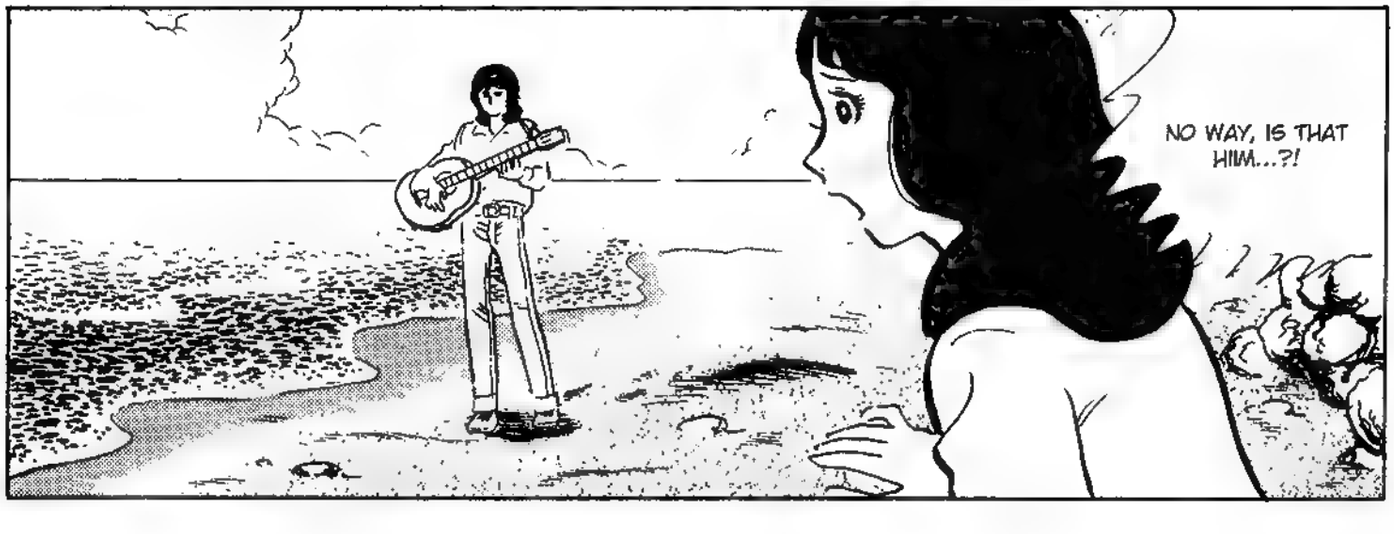
NO WAY, IS THAT HIM...?!

YOU'RE KUROI... SAN.
IT REALLY IS YOU...
AH!
MMM...
I'M SURE IT WAS AROUND HERE YOU FELL OVER.
IT'S LIKE WE'RE IN A DRAMA.
BEING ABLE TO MEET YOU AGAIN IS CRAZY...

WELL, I'LL STOP TALKING AND SING INSTEAD.
YOU'RE THE SILENT TYPE THEN, KUROI-SAN.
MM, NOTHING AT ALL
SOMETHING WRONG, YOU'VE NOT SAID MUCH.
YOUR COUNTENANCE OF FLOWERS...
YOUR OH SO PITCH BLACK HAIR...
WE NEVER SPOKE TOO MUCH, YET WHY...
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THE SALTY BREEZE THAT DAY...
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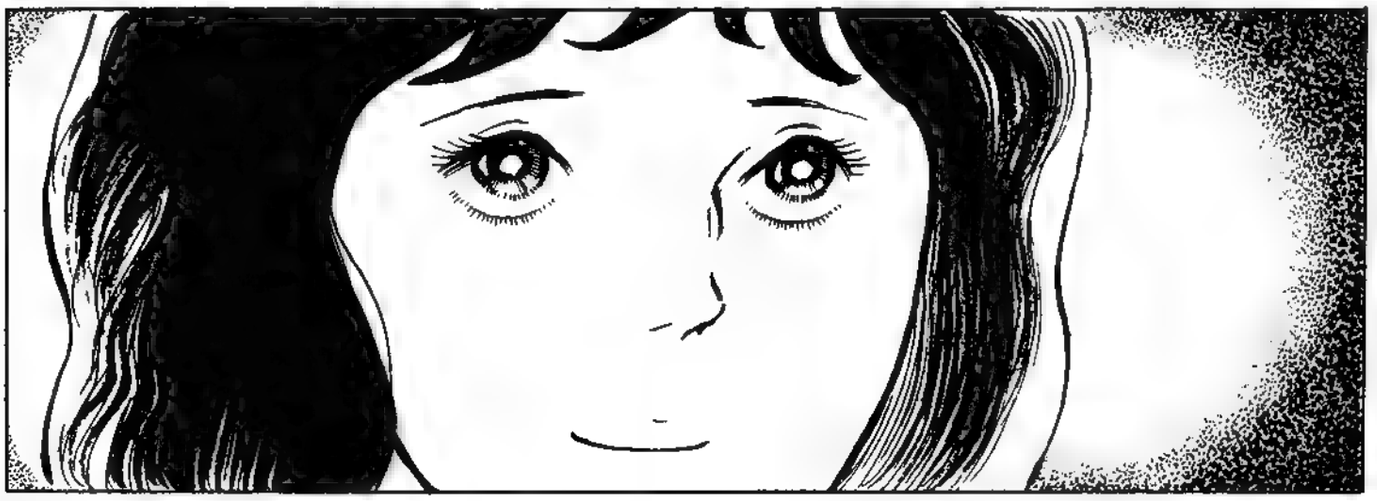
SEARCHING AFTER YOUR FACE...
I WALK OVER LAST YEAR'S BEACHES...
OH I'M SURE YOU COULD MANAGE IT, TAKESHI-SAN.
IT MIGHT REMAIN JUST A DREAM, BUT I'D ONE DAY LIKE TO BE A SINGER.
YOU'RE AWFULLY GOOD AT SINGING, TAKESHI-SAN.
EH?
HAHAHA. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO THINKS OF MY SONGS LIKE THAT.
I'M NOT, I'M TELLING THE TRUTH.
YOU DON'T NEED TO FLATTER ME.

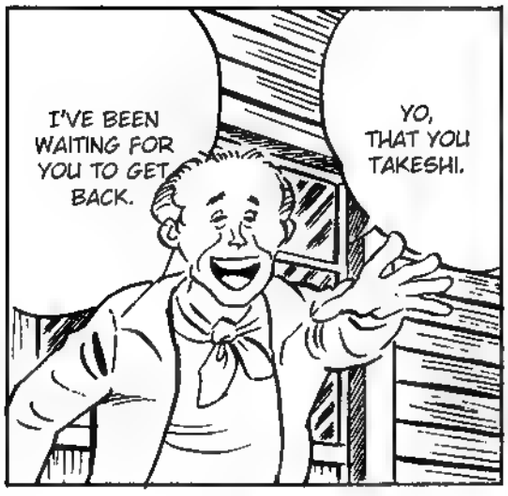
I EVEN APPLIED TO A TV TALENT SHOW BUT WENT OUT IN THE FIRST ROUND. REALLY I'M HOPELESS.
I ACTUALLY DID TRY OUT FOR A TALENT AGENCY, BUT IT DIDN'T GO ANYWHERE.

I'M HERE TO SUPPORT YOU NOW!
COME ON TAKESHI-SAN, DON'T GIVE UP!

YOU CAN'T BE SO WEAK HEARTED!
I CAN TELL EXACTLY HOW MUCH TALENT I HAVE, OR PERHAPS THAT SHOULD BE LACK.

WEIRD. WHEN I LOOK IN YOUR EYES I FEEL CONFIDENCE WELLING UP INSIDE ME.





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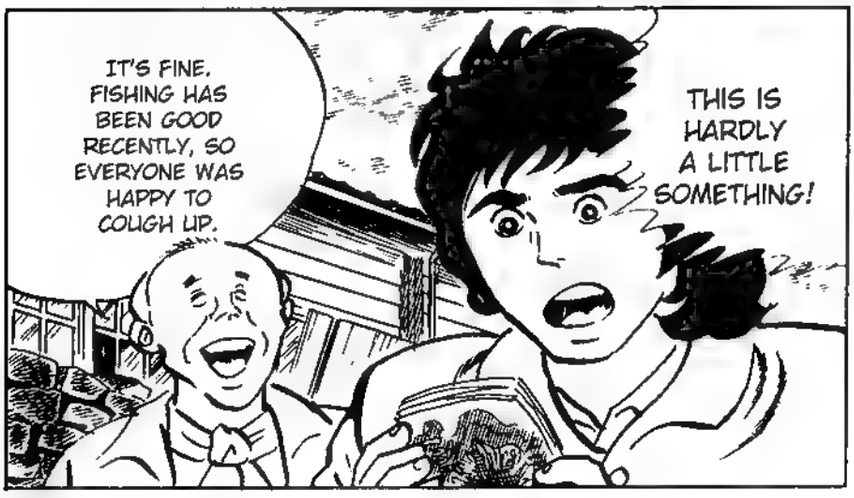
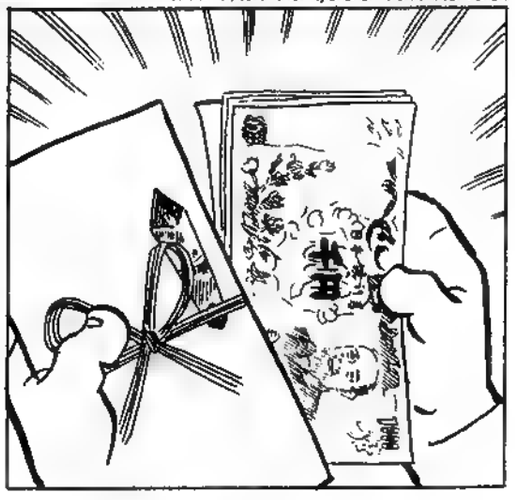
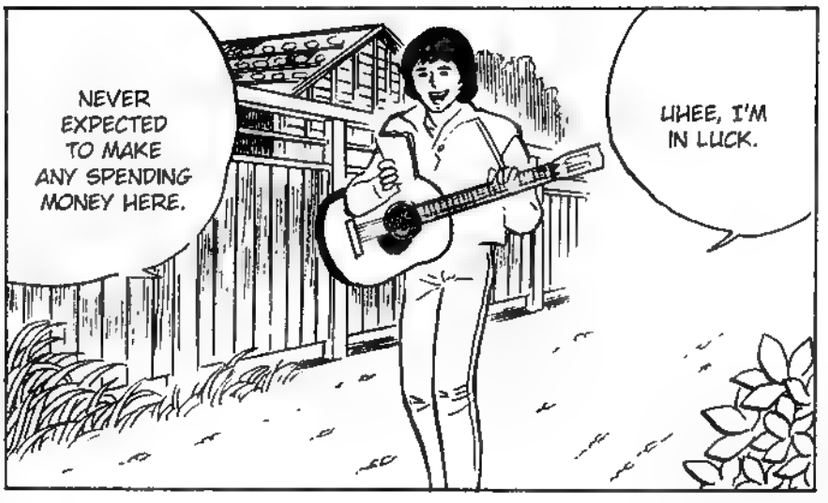




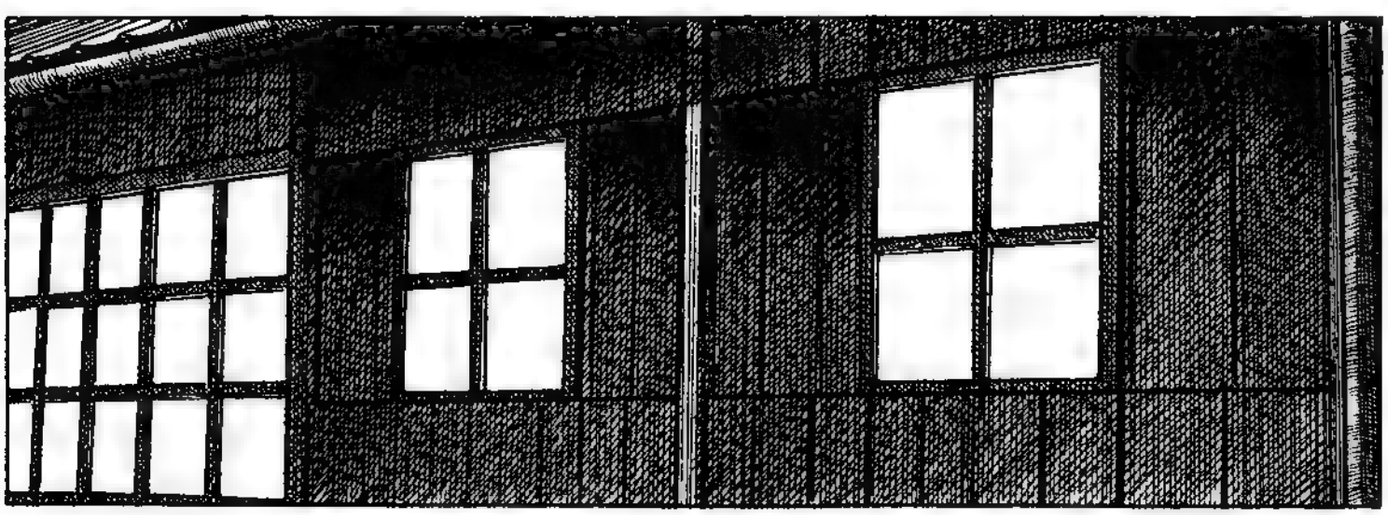


EH, HE'S AT MY HOUSE THEN?
THERE'S A GUY FROM A RECORD COMPANY LOOKING FOR YOU.
WHAT DO YOU SAY TO PUTTING OUT A RECORD FOR MY COMPANY?
OF COURSE YOU'LL NEED A FEW LESSONS BUT I THINK YOU'VE REAL POTENTIAL.
YOU KNOW I BET IT WAS WHEN YOU SANG AT THE VILLAGE FESTIVAL.
THE TRUTH IS I HEARD YOUR SINGING PURELY BY CHANCE WHILE TRAVELLING ON HOLIDAY.
EEH?!
IT... IT'S LIKE I'M DREAMING.
THIS REALLY IS YOUR LUCKY DAY.

IN FACT I HAD SIMILAR GOOD LUCK WHEN I MET HER LAST YEAR.
BUT MAYBE ALL THIS GOOD FORTUNE ISN'T DOWN TO MERE CHANCE.

MEANWHILE I GOT THE FESTIVAL MONEY TODAY AND HAD ALL THAT TALK ABOUT A RECORD.

AND I RECEIVED A LOAD OF CASH FROM THE TAXI FIRM AS AN APOLOGY.
WHILE COMING BACK HOME I WAS HIT BY A TAXI. FORTUNATELY I WASN'T HURT...



IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO, I'LL NEVER FORGET IT...
BUT ALL THAT PLACE BRINGS IS BAD MEMORIES.
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TOMORROW I'LL FINALLY BE GOING TO TOKYO FOR MY DREAM OF BEING A SINGER.
I'D PUT ALL MY HEART INTO BEING A SINGER, AND HAD RECKLESSLY LEFT HOME FOR THE CAPITAL...
AND WHILE WANDERING AROUND LOST I WAS BEATEN UP BY A GANG OF THUGS...
OF COURSE NO ONE REALLY LISTENED TO MY IMMATURE SINGING.

IN THE END EVEN MY WALLET WAS STOLEN, AND I WAS LEFT TO WALK THE STREETS HUNGRY.
WHO SMASHED UP MY BELOVED GUITAR.
!
AT THAT MOMENT YOU COULD SAY I WAS POSSESSED BY THE DEVIL...
KYAAAAH!
HAH!
AH!
HAAH, HAAH, HAAH...

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UUUUUUUH!
I'M A MURDERER...
I KILLED SOMEONE WITH THESE HANDS...
IT FEELS AS THOUGH YOU'RE ALREADY A HIT SINGER.
WE CAN'T EITHER.
CAN'T SLEEP TAKESHI?
...
EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE HAS HIGH HOPES FOR YOU, JUST TRY AND DO YOUR BEST.
STILL, YOU'LL NEVER GET ANOTHER CHANCE LIKE THIS.

WE'RE SO HAPPY TO BE HERE TODAY. THIS IS TAKESHI TOJO, A RISING SINGER.
HE THEN WENT ON A PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN, VISITING VARIOUS RECORD STORES.
UPON ARRIVING IN TOKYO TAKESHI SIGNED TO THE RECORD LABEL. HE QUICKLY GOT TO RECORDING, AND SOON HIS MUCH AWAITED SINGLE WENT ON SALE!
TAKESHI TOJO
BEACH
B-SIDE: FRAGMENTS OF LOVE
HERE, MAKE SURE TO LISTEN TO IT.
IF YOU'D BE SO KIND, THIS IS HIS DEBUT SONG, "BEACH".
NO WAY, HE MUST BE HER LOVER.
MAYBE THAT TAKESHI TOJO IS A RELATIVE OF HERS?
IT'S A LITTLE CURIOUS.
TO THINK THE HARDWORKING KUROI-SAN WOULD SKIP OUT TO HELP SUPPORT A SINGER...
WHAT A SURPRISE, I'D NOTICED SHE'D BEEN ABSENT RECENTLY BUT...
HUH, ISN'T THAT KUROI-SAN?

PLEASE EVERYONE, OFFER YOUR SUPPORT!
IT TRULY IS A WONDERFUL SONG!

PLEASE ENJOY "BEACH".

IF YOU'D BE SO KIND!

MM.
MISA-CHAN'S REALLY GIVING IT HER ALL FOR YOU.

R... RIGHT...
AMAZING! I'VE NEVER SEEN A STAR AS FORTUNATE AS YOU BEFORE.
OI, TOJO-KUN. BIG NEWS! I'VE GOT YOU FIVE TV APPEARANCES!

HE'S A NEWCOMER SO I'M SURE HE'D BE HAPPY TO APPEAR.
EH, A TV SHOW?

WHATEVER DO YOU MEAN?
AFRAID?
I... I'M JUST AFRAID!
OH NO, NOT AT ALL.
SOMETHING WRONG, YOU DON'T SEEM TOO HAPPY.
IN FACT THAT'S PRETTY DAMN GOOD, NO?
AHAHAHA, IF SO THEN YOU'VE NOTHING TO FEAR.
YES, THAT'S HOW IT SEEMS.
I SEE, SO YOU'RE SAYING THIS LUCK IS ALL FROM MISA-CHAN.
COFFEE
COFFEE
LOVE...?
I BELIEVE IT'S BECAUSE OF MY WIFE'S LOVE. I'M TRULY THANKFUL.
WHEN I WAS A BACHLEOR I NEVER HAD ANY LUCK, THEN I MARRIED AND MY WHOLE SITUATION IMPROVED FOR THE BETTER.
THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF WOMEN. THOSE WHO BECKON HAPPINESS AND THOSE WHO BECKON MISFORTUNE.
...

THANKS.
I THINK YOU SHOULD GIVE IT.
I WAS GOING TO GIVE THIS HER TO SAY THANKS FOR HER HELP BUT...
OH, SPEAK OF THE DEVIL.
I'D SAY YOU'VE FOUND A WONDERFUL WOMAN.
男女通学服は
パチンコ
シルピア
MY SONG WILL BE SENT ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY.
FINALLY, TOMORROW'S THE DAY OF MY TV PERFORMANCE...

AHAHAHAHA!
SO LONG AS KUROI-SAN'S WITH ME I'M ALL BUT GUARANTEED TO BECOME A STAR!
KYAAAAH! TAKESHI!!!
AAAAHAHAHA!
AT LAST, MY FACE WILL BE PLASTERED OVER EVERY CHANNEL!

HAH!
AND IF HE WERE TO SEE ME ON TV...
THE BOY AT THE MURDER SCENE SAW MY FACE, HE MIGHT WELL REMEMBER ME.
STILL, YOU'LL NEVER GET ANOTHER CHANCE LIKE THIS.
EVERYTHING WAS GOING SO WELL.
AAAH!
FUCK IT ALL, WHAT DO I DO?!
THE MORE FAMOUS I GET THE WORSE MY WORRIES BECOME.
I... I'LL HAVE TO KILL HIM...!
EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE HAS HIGH HOPES FOR YOU, JUST TRY AND DO YOUR BEST.

EH.
OH, IT'S TOJO-KUN. OFF TO THE TV STATION ALREADY?
THE FOLLOWING DAY...
I NEED TO DEAL WITH IT ALL PERFECTLY.
BUT THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO WAY I CAN FAIL.
YOU'RE AN IMPORTANT MAN NOW, WE CAN'T RISK YOU GETTING IN AN ACCIDENT.
B... BUT MANAGER...
HOW ABOUT TAKING MISA-CHAN ALONG WITH YOU TOO.
NO NOT QUITE.
...
AHAHA!
AND IF MISA-CHAN'S WITH YOU I CAN REST EASY.
I THINK THAT'D BE A BIT HASTY, MISA-CHAN. I'VE STILL NOT GOT MANY.
YOU KNOW I WAS THINKING OF MAKING YOU A FAN CLUB, TAKESHI-SAN.
I COULD EVEN USE HER GOOD LUCK TO MAKE A CRIME GO WELL, COULDN'T I...
YOU'VE NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF, SO LONG AS SHE DOESN'T NOTICE ANYTHING YOU'LL BE FINE.

MISA-CHAN.
THE SAME GOES FOR MY RELATIVES. UFUFUFU.
...
ALL MY CLASSMATES ARE FANS OF YOURS TOO, TAKESHI-SAN.

T/N: THE SIGN READS "OPENING CELEBRATION".

AND TO CELEBRATE WE'RE GIVING ONE MILLION YEN TO THE 100TH CAR TO PASS THROUGH!
YOU SEE THIS TUNNEL WAS OPENED JUST THIS MORNING.
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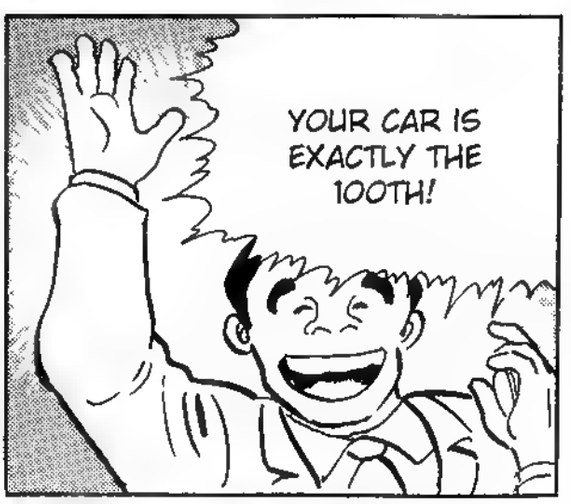

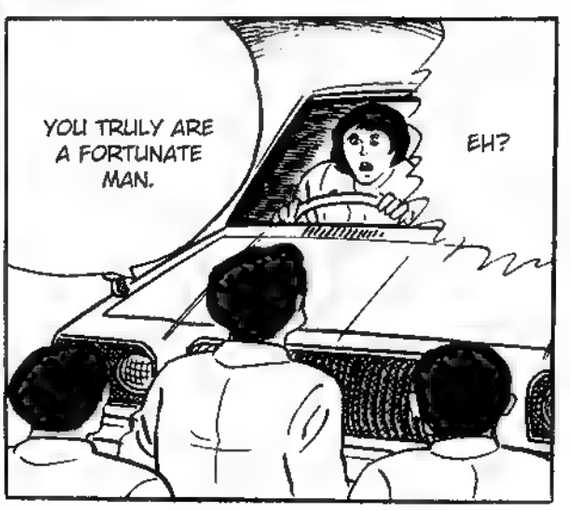

W... WELL...
TELL US, HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE SO FORTUNATE?
OUR MOST HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS. HERE, YOUR MONEY.
O... ONE MILLION YEN?!
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OI, GET THE CAMERAS ROLLING. COME ON.
AH!
HE'S THE ONE WHO KILLED MAMA!
IT'S LIKE A DREAM TO RECEIVE THIS.

MISA-CHAN.

TA... TAKESHI-SAN!

I COULDN'T BECOME A STAR IF IT MEANT TRAMPLING ON YOUR PURE FEELINGS.
THIS IS FOR THE BEST...

I'LL BE SURE TO ONCE MORE... MAKE A FRESH START.

TAKESHI-SAN...

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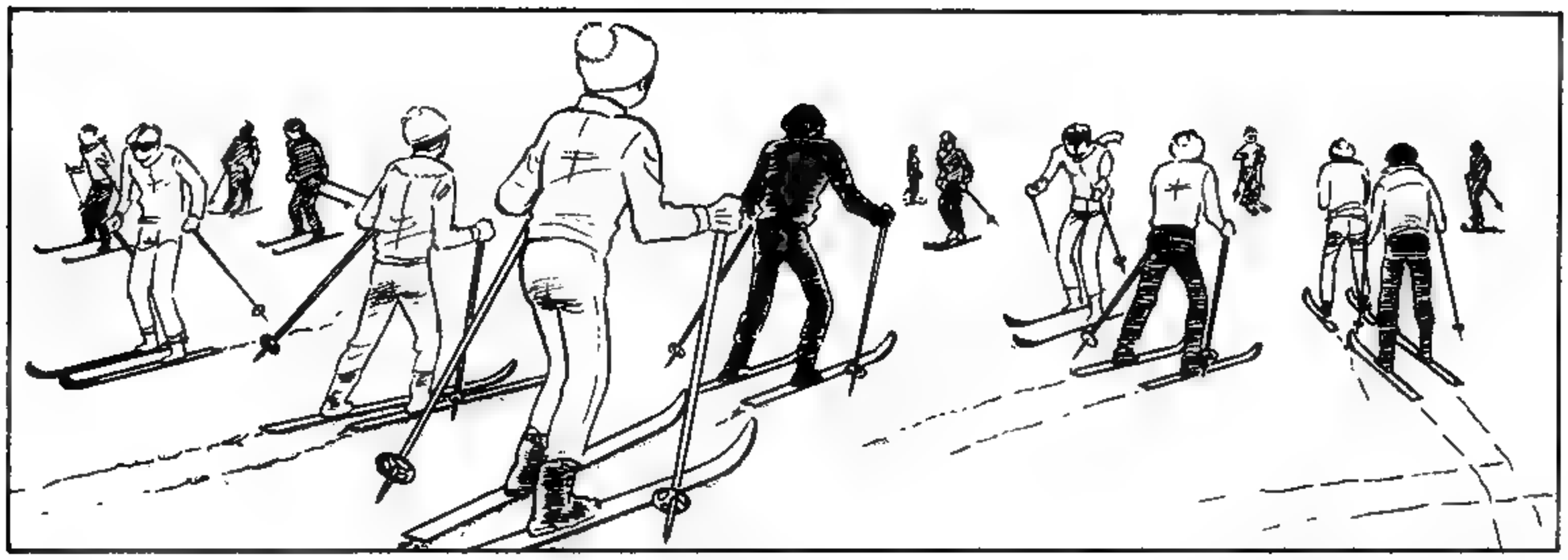
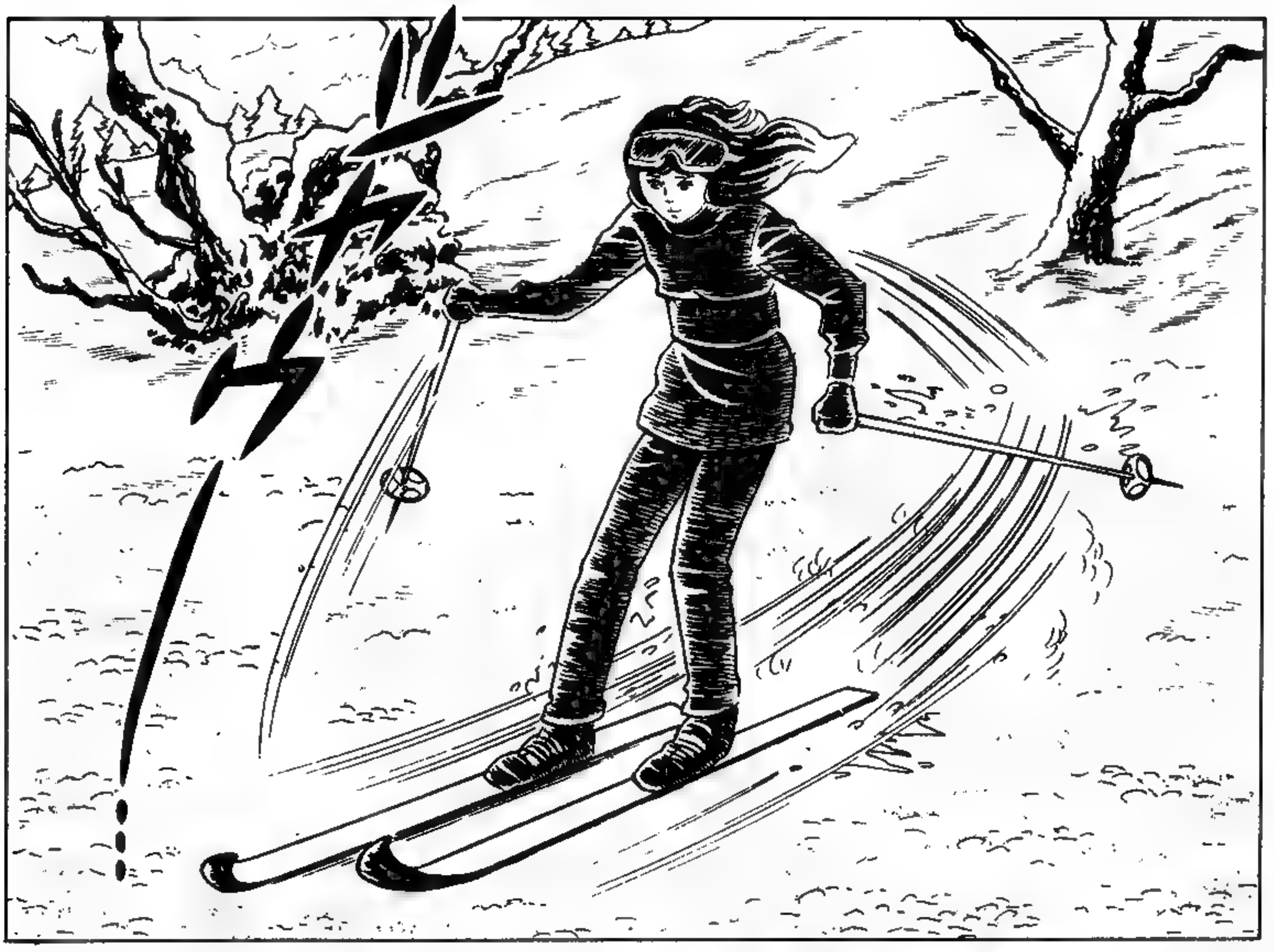
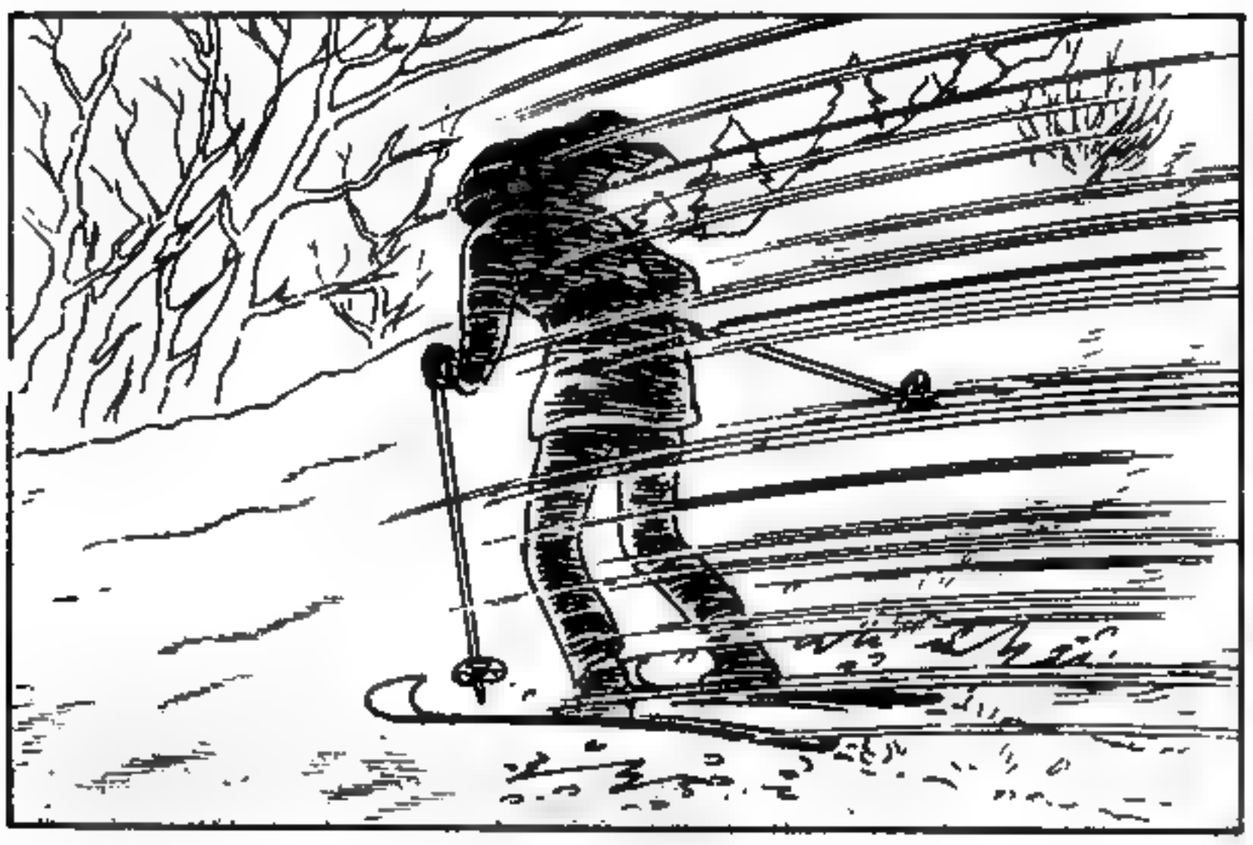
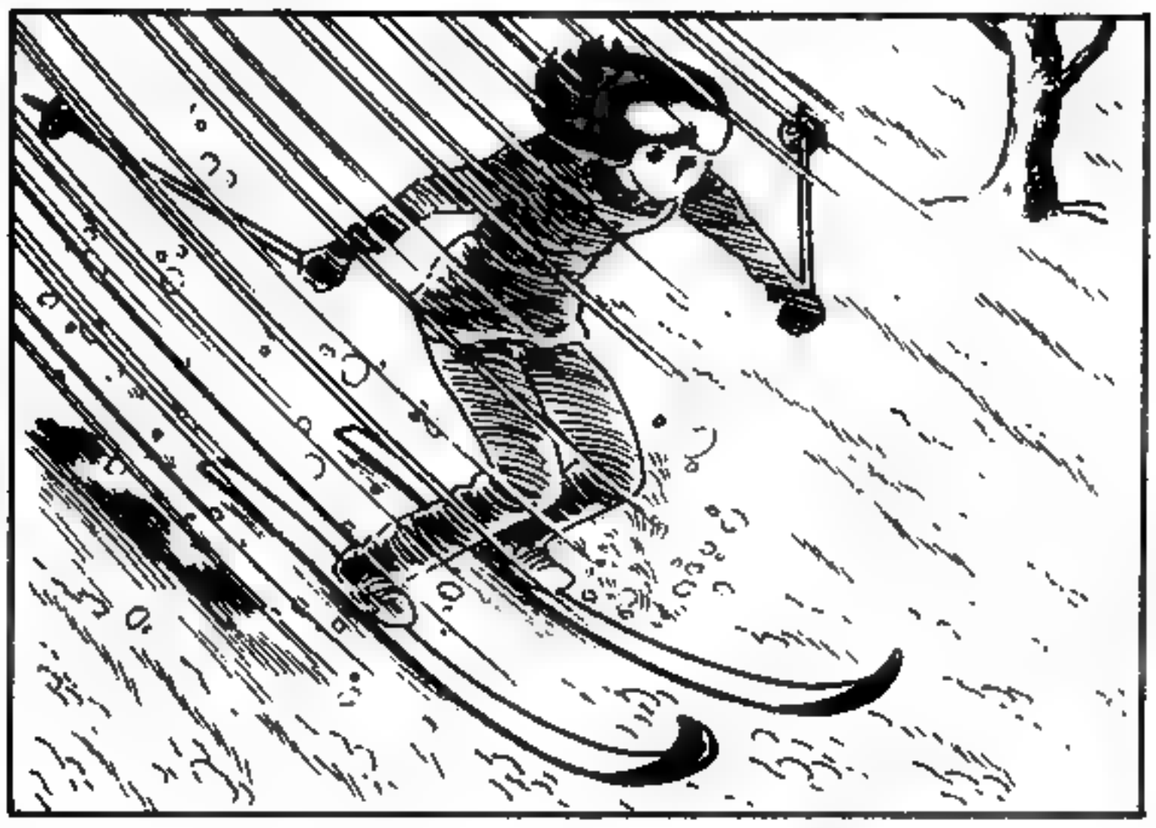
THE WINTER MOUNTAIN SPIRIT

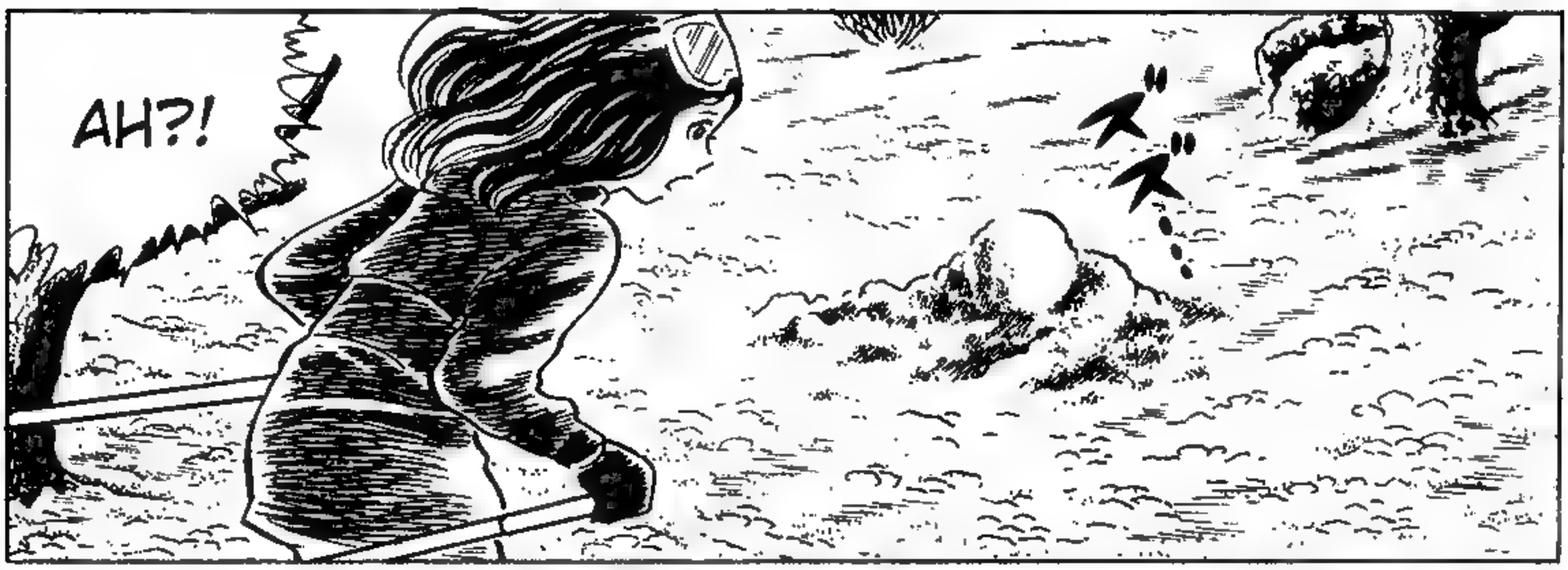








SHE KNOWS SHE'S REALLY GOOD AND LIKES TO SHOW OFF.
GEEZ, MISA-SAN'S LEAVING US IN THE DUST.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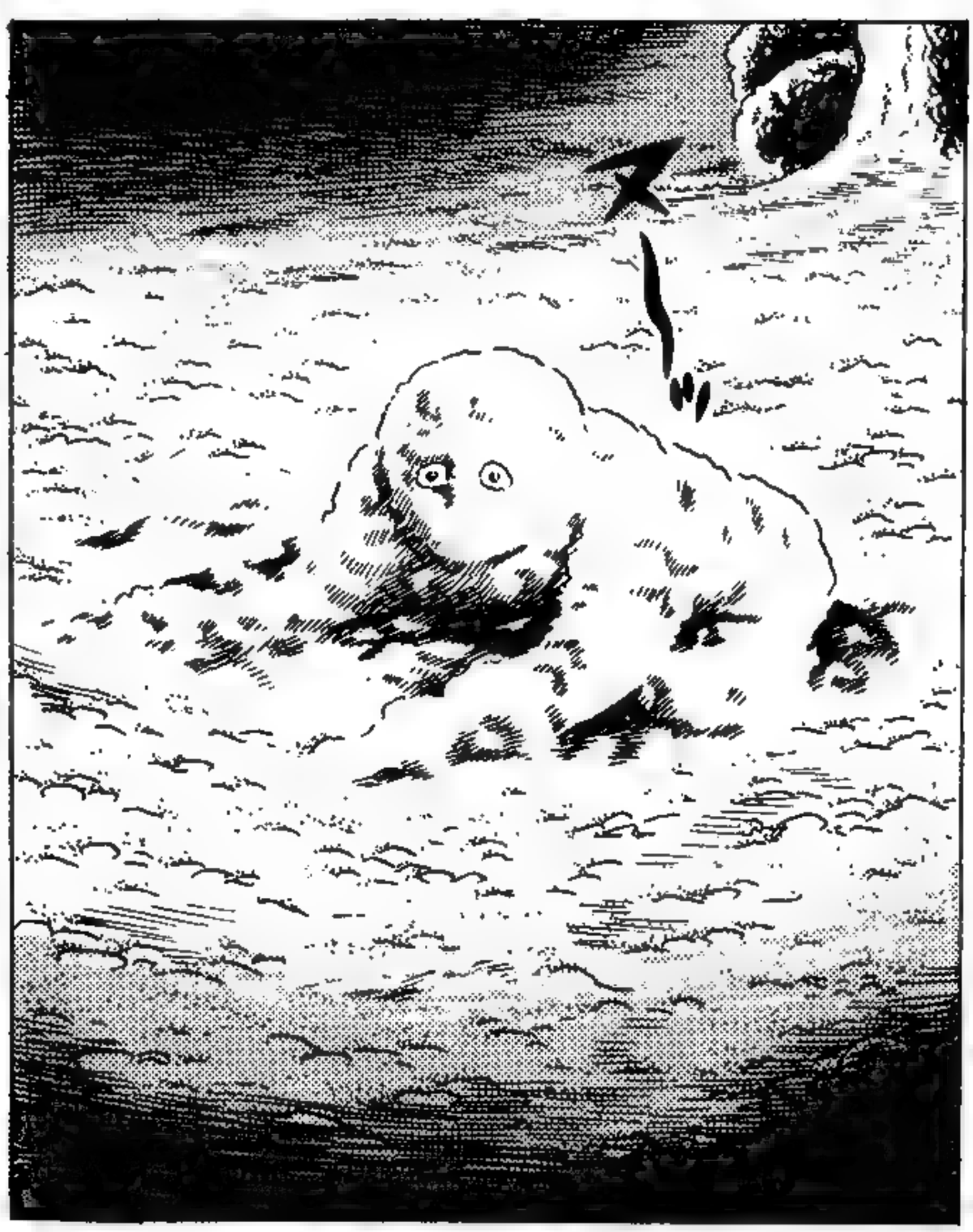
KYAAA-AAAHA!



TH... THAT WAS A CHILD...

A VERY CREEPY CHILD...

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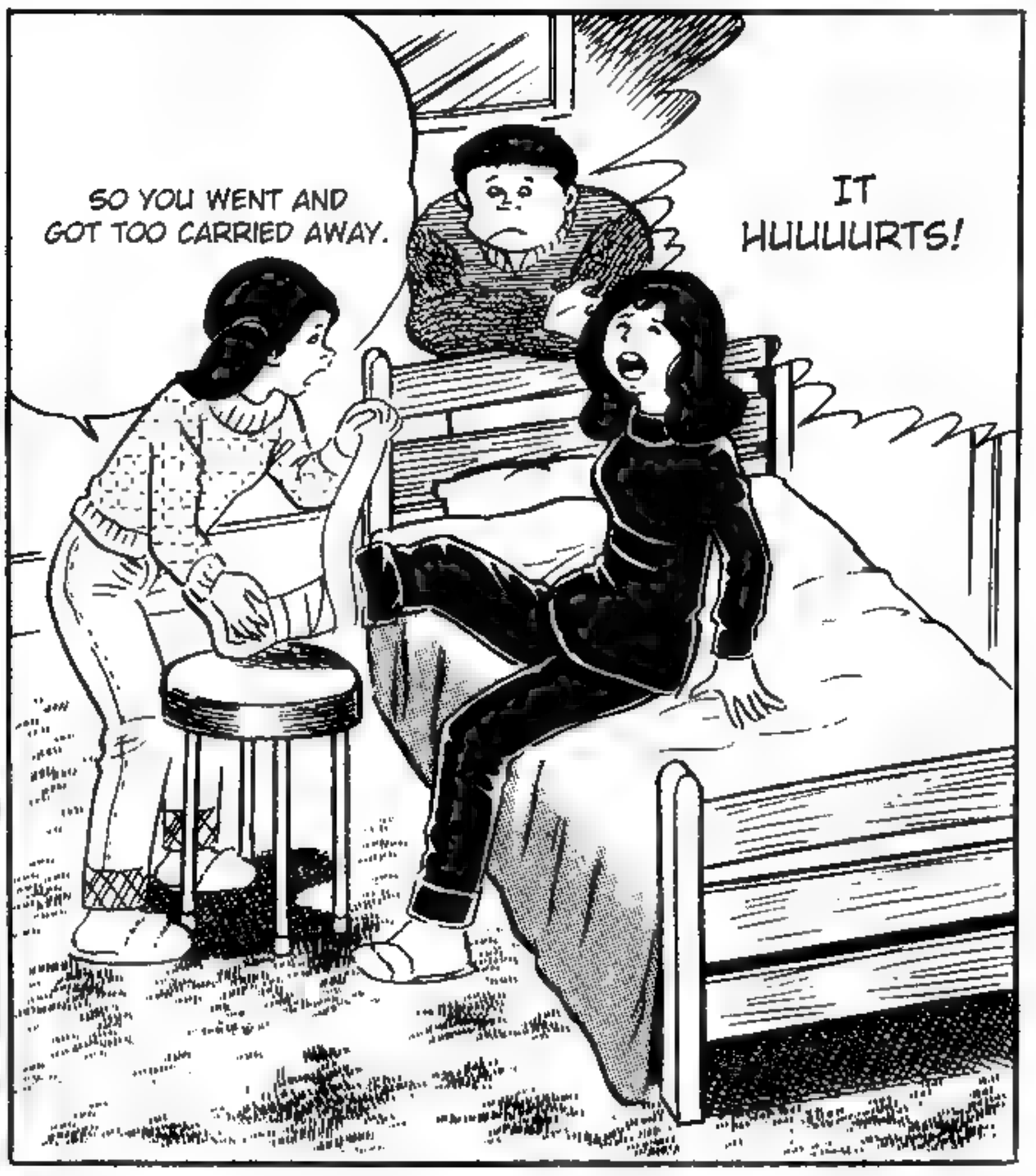
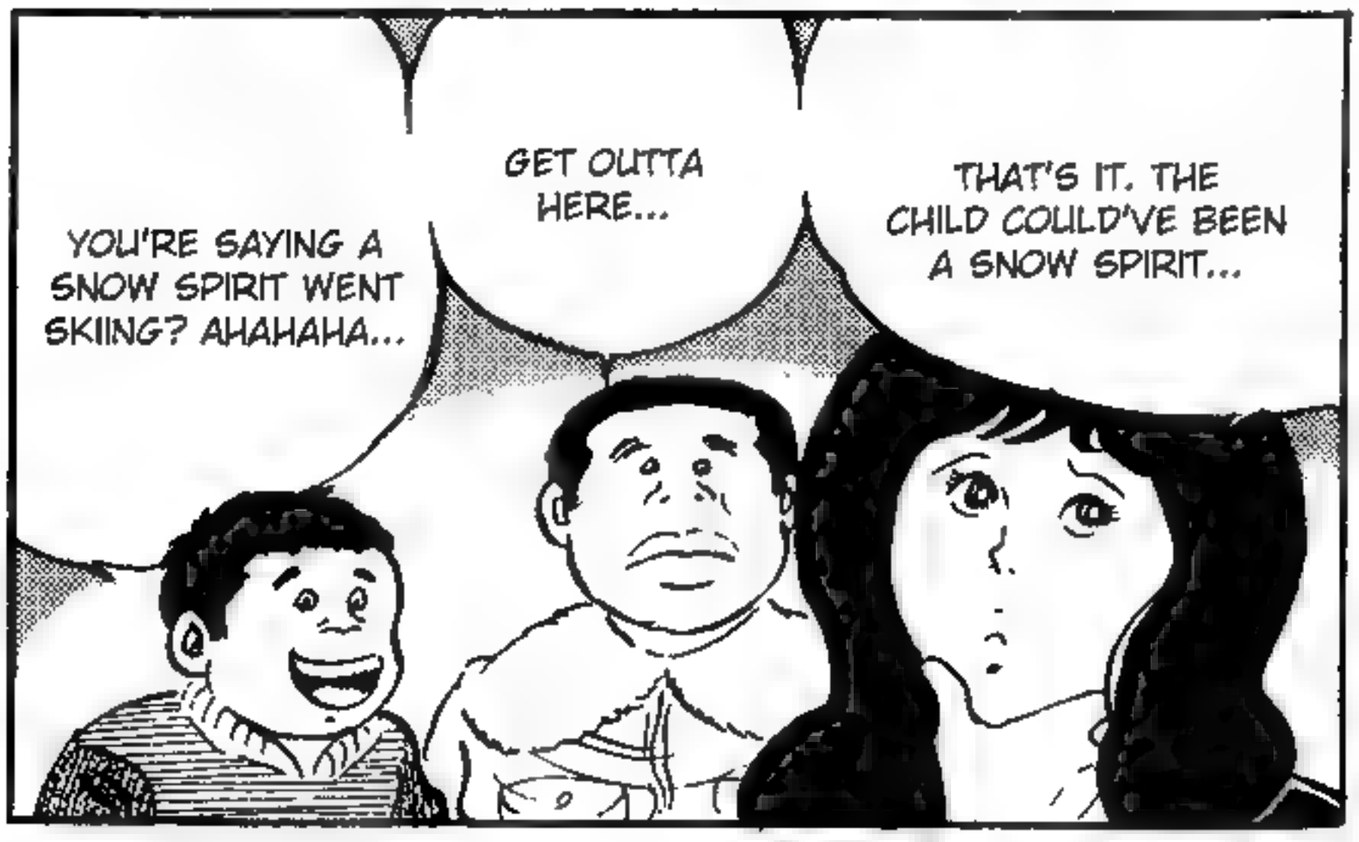
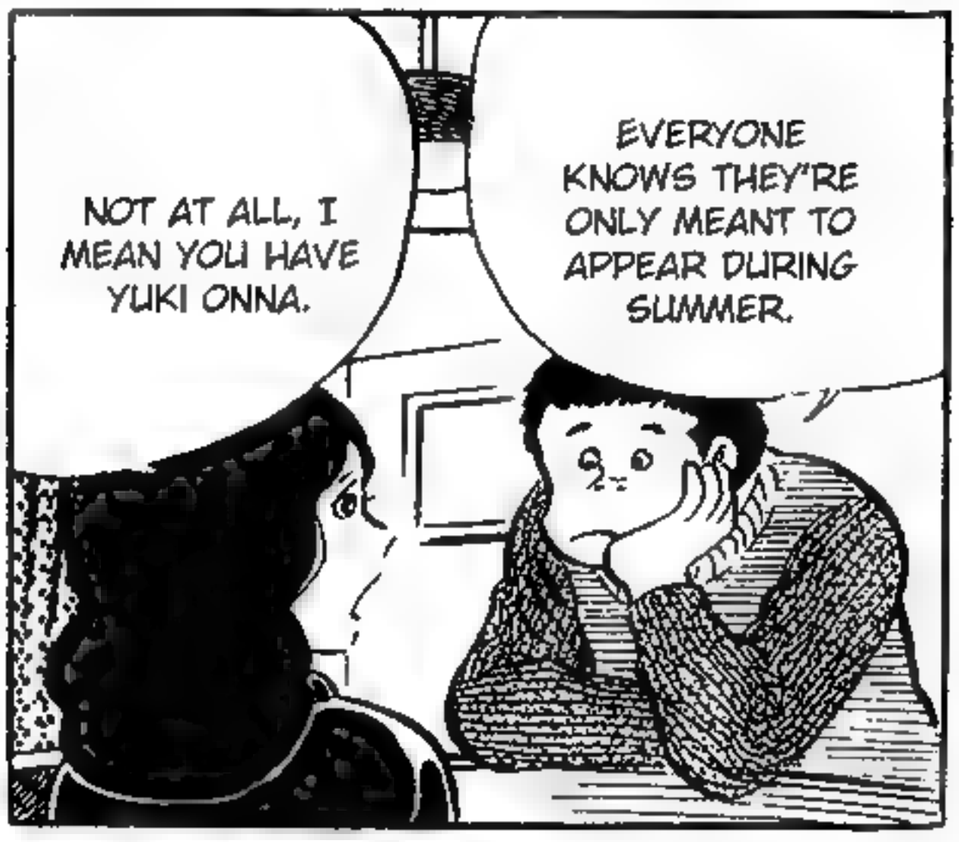
YES YOU I SAID, AN OBAKE APPEARED.
THAT'S NOT IT, YOU SEE...


SO YOU WENT AND GOT TOO CARRIED AWAY.
IT HUUUURTS!


YOU'RE SAYING A SNOW SPIRIT WENT SKIING? AHAHAHA...
GET OUTTA HERE...
THAT'S IT. THE CHILD COULD'VE BEEN A SNOW SPIRIT...


NOT AT ALL, I MEAN YOU I HAVE YUKI ONNA.
EVERYONE KNOWS THEY'RE ONLY MEANT TO APPEAR DURING SUMMER.

I'M THE PROPRIETOR OF THE LODGE.

WHO'RE YOU...?

EH?

EXCUSE ME, IS WHAT YOU JUST SAID TRUE?

BANDAGES...?!

Y... YES.

ITS FACE WAS ALL WRAPPED UP IN BANDAGES.

WERE YOU TELLING THE TRUTH WHEN YOU SAID YOU SAW THAT CHILD OBAKE?

AND HOW OLD WOULD YOU HAVE SAID THEY WERE?

YEP. UNDERNEATH THE BANDAGES I COULD MAKE OUT TWO BLAZING EYES. IT WAS SOMETHING TOTALLY OUT OF THIS WORLD.

IT WAS A BOY, ABOUT THREE OR FOUR YEARS OLD.

SLAM!
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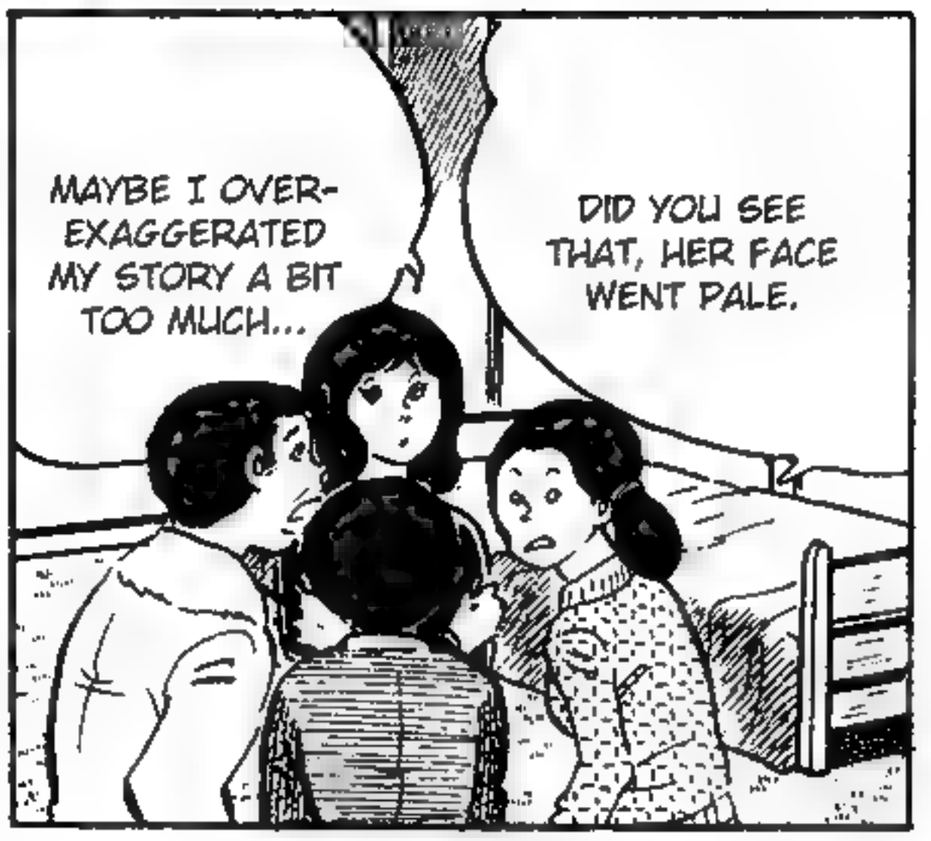
EVEN SO, I THINK SHE WAS A BIT TOO SHOCKED BY WHAT I SAID.
YOU SURE DID. I MEAN, YOU'RE JUST BEING A NUISANCE BY CLAIMING IT WAS AN OBAKE WITH NO PROOF.


MAYBE I OVER-EXAGGERATED MY STORY A BIT TOO MUCH...
DID YOU SEE THAT, HER FACE WENT PALE.

SO WHAT I SAW REALLY WASN'T AN ILLUSION.

WHEN ALL THE GUESTS HAD GONE OUT ONTO THE SLOPES...

IT WAS THIS MORNING...

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OH, IS SOMEONE STILL IN THE LOBBY?

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THE POOR THING, HURRY UP AND OPEN THE DOOR.

MAYBE HE'S TOO YOUNG TO GO SKIING YET.

OH MY, I WONDER WHERE HE'S FROM.

EH?!

HE'LL FREEZE TO DEATH BEFORE LONG...

I'M BEGGING YOU, HURRY UP AND SAVE HIM...

KYAAAAAAAH!

BUT THERE'S NO WAY IT COULD'VE BEEN MITSUHIKO'S SPIRIT...

AND I'M SURE HIS FACE WAS COVERED WITH BANDAGES.

I NEVER MEANT TO KILL HIM!

IT'S THE TRUTH, PLEASE BELIEVE ME!

UUUUUUUH...

SOMETHING OMINOUS IS BOUND TO HAPPEN IF WE LEAVE HIM ALONE.

DON'T YOU THINK THERE'S ALSO SOMETHING REALLY CURIOUS ABOUT THAT BANDAGED KID.

I FIGURED AS MUCH. I COULD JUST SMELL THAT SOME SORT OF INCIDENT HAD OCCURRED.

RUMI-CHAN LOOKS LIKE SHE'S GOT THE KEY TO THE CASE.

BIG NEWS!

MISA-SAAAAN!

I CAN SEE WHY SHE WAS SO AFRAID NOW.

DAMN, POOR KID.

HE'D GONE IN THERE WHILE PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK BUT THEN COULDN'T GET THE DOOR OPEN.

GOODNESS, INSIDE A FREEZER?

MITSUHIKO-CHAN WAS THAT WOMAN'S ADOPTED SON. APPARENTLY HE FROZE TO DEATH INSIDE THEIR FREEZER LAST YEAR.

SO IT REALLY IS THAT BOY'S SPIRIT?!

I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT.

I'M BEGGING YOU, HURRY UP AND SAVE HIM!

THE POOR THING, HURRY UP AND OPEN THE DOOR!

HE'LL FREEZE TO DEATH BEFORE LONG!

TAKE A LOOK AT THE SKI LIFT...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

HOW COME?!

UFUFU... SO YOU'VE STILL NOT NOTICED THEN.

I GUESS HE'S NO OBAKE AFTER ALL.

IT'S THE BOY?!

THE POOR THING, HURRY UP AND OPEN THE DOOR.

I'M BEG-GING YOU, HURRY UP AND SAVE HIM...

EVERYONE QUICK, AFTER HIM!

WHY IS HE ONLY REPEATING THOSE SAME LINES.

HE'LL FREEZE TO DEATH BEFORE LONG...

WAIT UP KUROI-SAN!

HE'S A SPEEDY BUGGER.

GYAAH!

HE'S COME ALL THE WAY DOWN THE MOUNTAIN... PERHAPS HE'S GOING HOME.

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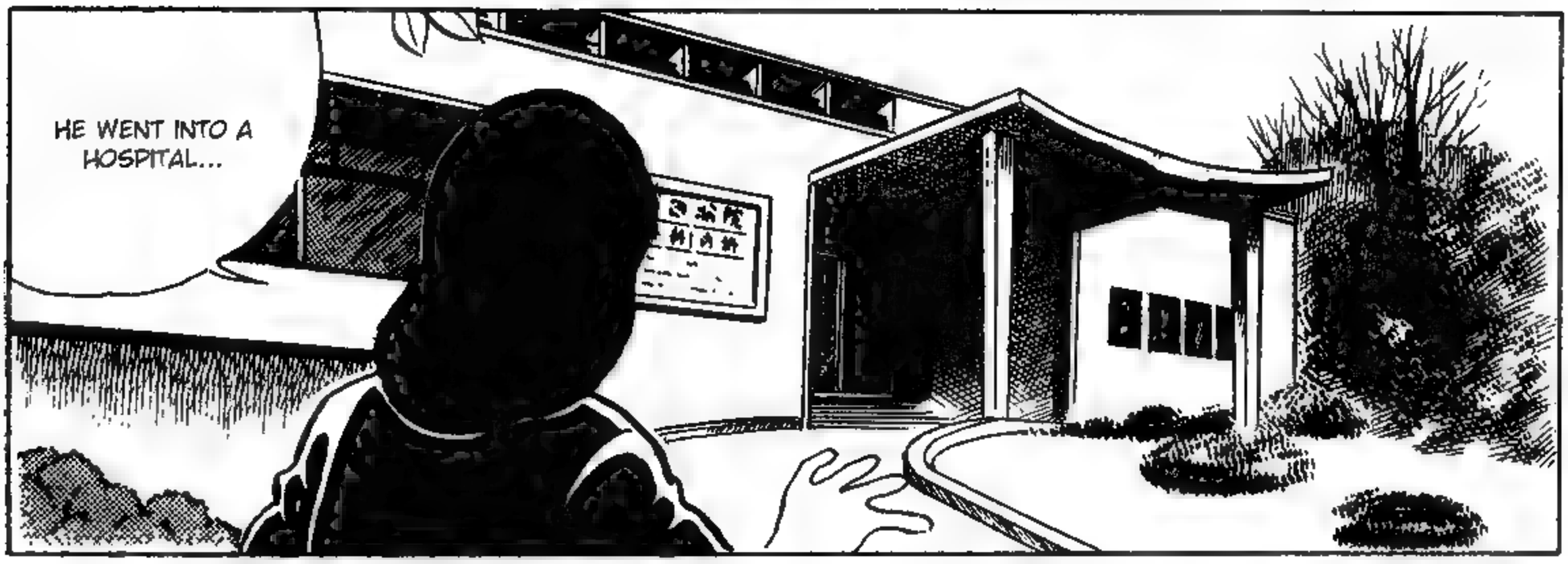
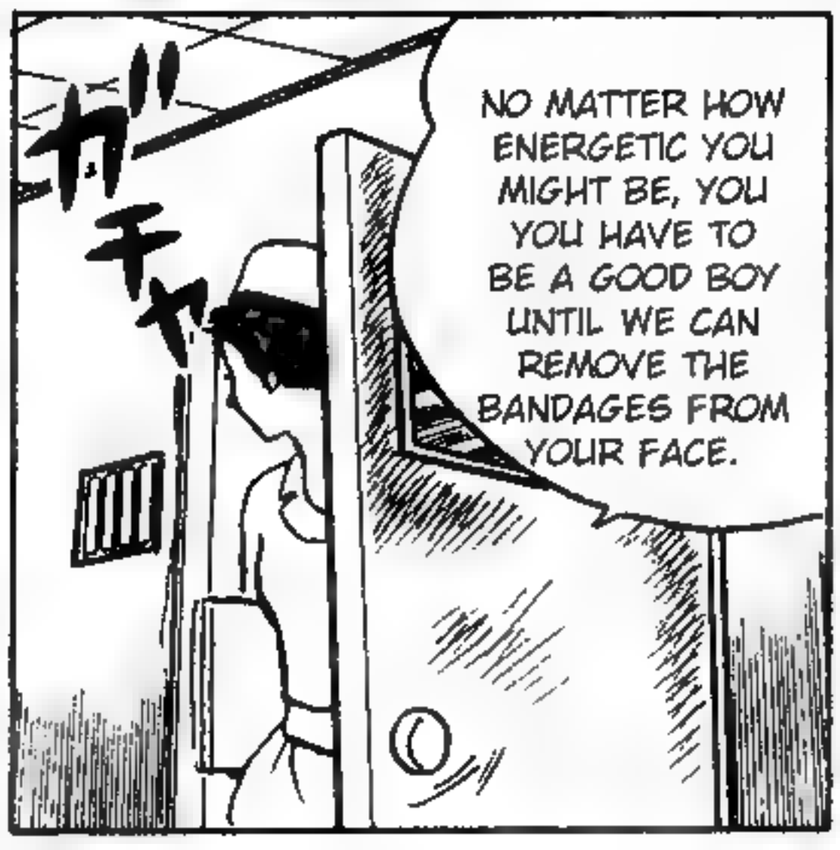

HE WENT INTO A HOSPITAL...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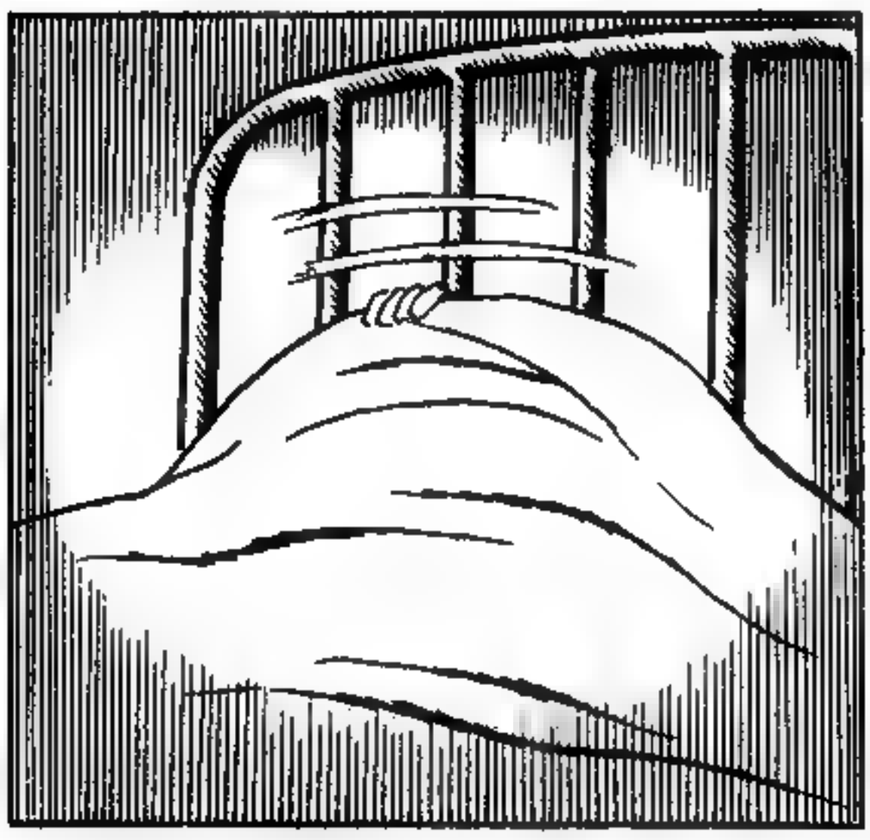
NO MATTER HOW ENERGETIC YOU MIGHT BE, YOU YOU HAVE TO BE A GOOD BOY UNTIL WE CAN REMOVE THE BANDAGES FROM YOUR FACE.

YOU KNOW YOU REALLY MUSTN'T, YOU NEED TO STAY IN BED AND REST.
DID YOU GO TO THE SKI RESORT AGAIN.



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IS THIS A DIARY?

OH?

UUUH, UUUH.

YES, I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.

HOUSEKEEP, HOUSEKEEP!

I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT DAY. IT WAS AROUND A YEAR AGO WHEN THE LODGE WITH FILLED WITH SKIERS...

THIS MUST BE HERS.

Poor master Mitsuhiko. he was trapped in the freezer and froze to death

AND WHAT'RE YOU DOING MITSUHIKO?!

YES MA'AM.

STOP DAWDLING ALREADY. YOU NEED TO HURRY UP AND GET THESE TO THE GUESTS IN ROOM FIVE.

DESPITE ALL OF MAMA'S SCOLDING YOU'VE STILL NOT LEARNT YOUR LESSON?!

YOU'RE LIKE A THIEVING CAT!

ARE YOU HELPING YOURSELF TO FOOD AGAIN?!

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IT'S FINE, HE NEEDS A BIT OF PUNISHMENT ELSE HE WON'T UNDERSTAND.

M... MA'AM!

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IF YOU LIKE IT SO MUCH YOU CAN SPEND YOUR WHOLE LIFE IN THERE!

STOP YOUR NEEDLESS MEDDLING! JUST HURRY UP AND SORT OUT THE FOOD!

PLEASE!

I'M BEGGING YOU, HURRY UP AND SAVE HIM!

THE POOR THING, HURRY UP AND OPEN THE DOOR.

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I THEN WENT TO DISTRIBUTE THE FOOD, AFTER WHICH I RUSHED BACK AND OPENED THE REFIGERATOR. BUT IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE, MITSUHIKO DEAD...

HE'LL FREEZE TO DEATH BEFORE LONG!

SO SHE WORKED AT THE LODGE EH.

WHAT A TERRIBLE THING!

Y... YOUNG MASTER!

HE'S GOING TO FREEZE TO DEATH BEFORE LONG...

I'M BEGGING YOU, HURRY UP AND SAVE HIM!

THE POOR THING, HURRY UP AND OPEN THE DOOR...

UUUUUUUH!

IT'S MEANT THAT THE BOY IN THE BED NEXT TO HER HAS COMPLETELY MEMORISED THEM.

WE BELIEVE SHE HAD SOME SORT OF TRAUMATIC SHOCK PRIOR, WHICH HAS CAUSED HER TO SIMPLY REPEAT THOSE INCOHERENT LINES OVER AND OVER.

EH?

IS SHE HAVING A NIGHTMARE AGAIN.

HE'LL FREEZE TO DEATH BEFORE LONG.

I'M BEGGING YOU, HURRY UP SAVE HIM...

POOR THING, HURRY UP AND OPEN THE DOOR.

AAAH, THERE SHE GOES AGAIN.

...

KIDS ARE EAGER TO COPY OTHERS.

TRUE ENOUGH. SORRY ABOUT ALL THAT.

I KNEW YOU WERE JUST BEING A NUISANCE WITH THAT SPIRIT TALK.

CORRECT. AND THE OLD LADY WAS HOSPITALISED FROM OVERWORK.

SO THE BOY'S JUST A SIMPLE HOSPITAL PATIENT.

HEH, INCREDIBLE.

AND THAT'S HOW IT WENT.

ARGH, LOOK, IT'S REALLY SNOWING HARD!

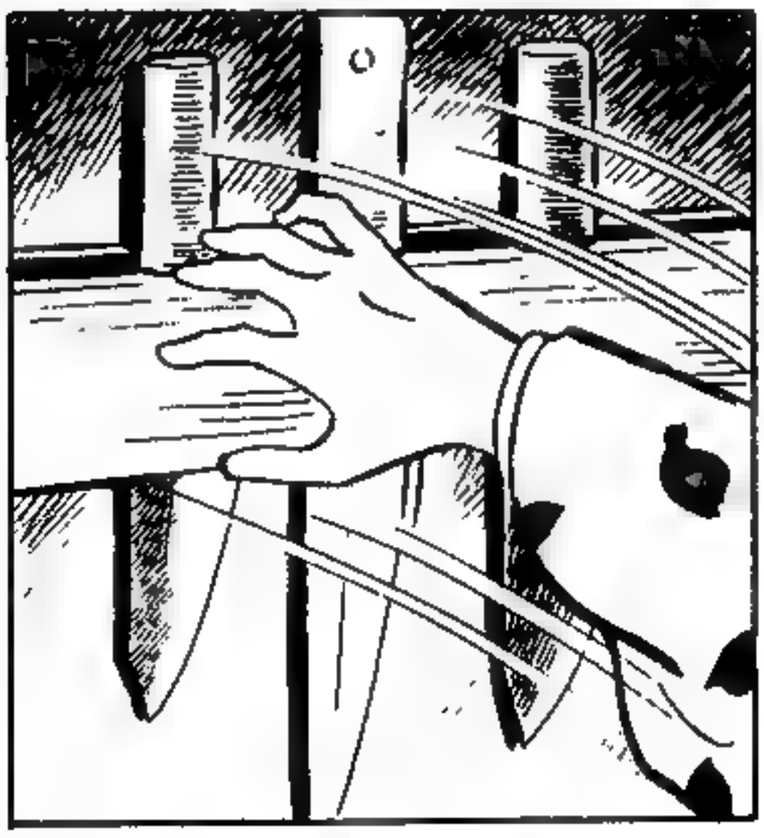
HAH!

THE POOR THING, HURRY UP AND OPEN THE DOOR...

MI... MITSUHIKO!

IT... IT'S COMING FROM OUTSIDE!

I'M BEGGING YOU, HURRY UP AND SAVE HIM...



HE'LL FREEZE TO DEATH BEFORE LONG...

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Y... YOU FOUL MONSTER!

EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE JUST A CHIIIILD!
ARE YOU TRYING TO CURSE ME?!

KYAAAAAH!

DIEEE!

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EKO EKO AZARAK!

EKO EKO ZAMERAK!

EKO EKO AZARAK!

EKO EKO ZAMERAK!

IT'S OKAY, I MISSED HER VITALS.

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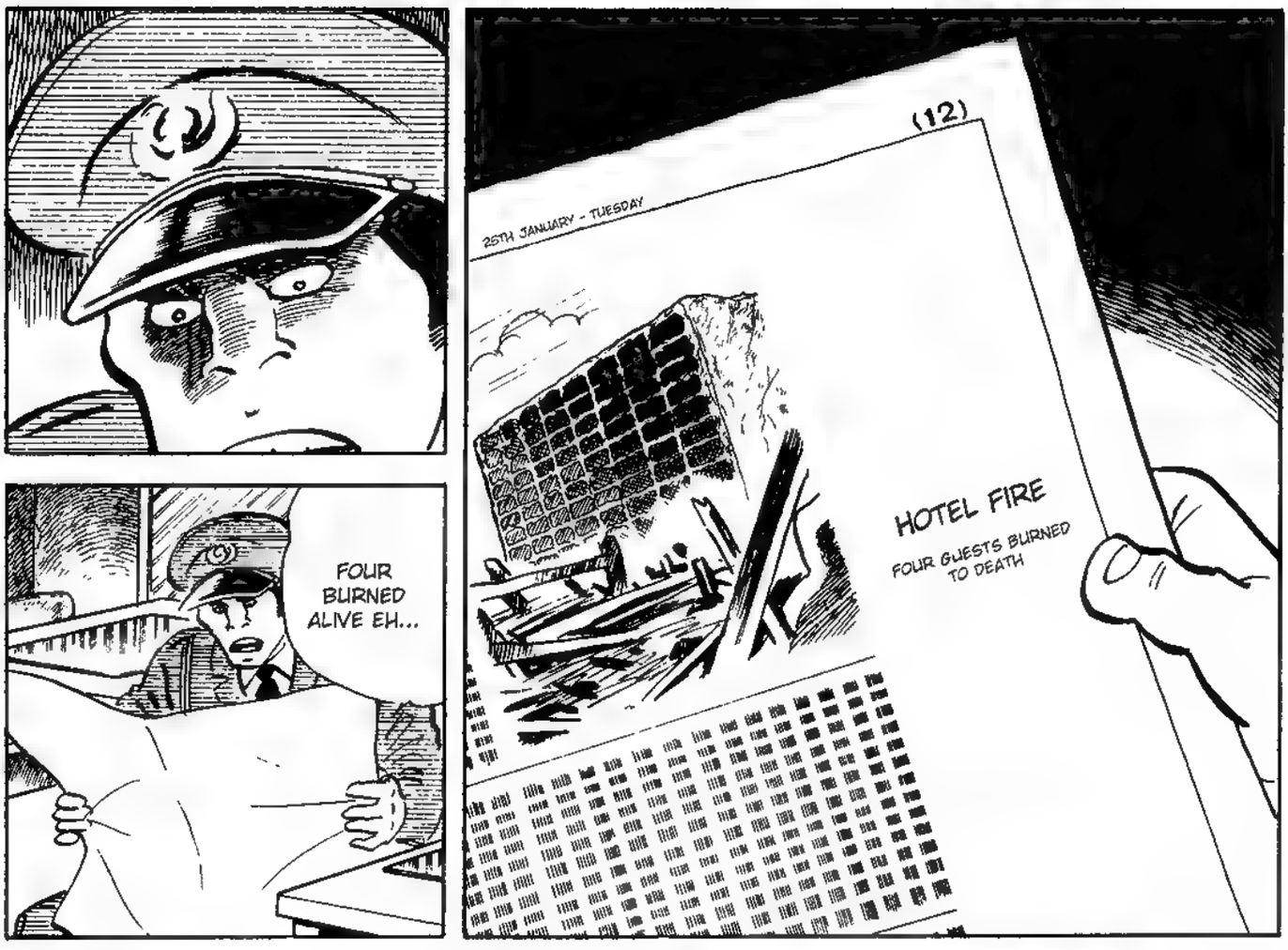
A PROPHECY AND A MAN'S FIRST GOOD DEED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25TH JANUARY - TUESDAY
HOTEL FIRE
FOUR GUESTS BURNED TO DEATH
FOUR BURNED ALIVE EH...
WH... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
YOU SEE SOMEONE ACTUALLY PREDICTED THAT THIS HOTEL FIRE WOULD OCCUR.
SOMETHING INCREDIBLE'S HAPPENED.
WHAT'S WRONG, MAEDA-SAN?
AND NOW LOOK. A REAL TRAGEDY'S OCCURRED.
I TOOK IT FOR NONSENSE AND DIDN'T BELIEVE THEM.
IN FACT THEY CAME TO THIS STATION TO TRY AND WARN ME AND PREVENT ANY CASUALTIES.

IT...
IT'S HER!
JUST WHO WAS IT THAT FORESAW THIS?!
SHE MUST'VE BEEN IN MIDDLE SCHOOL...
A GIRL...
AH?!

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OH MY, THAT CHOCOLATE PARFAIT LOOK DELICIOUS!
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MAYBE I SHOULD KILL SOME TIME AT THIS PARLOUR.
I'LL FORGET THAT AND HAVE SOME RED-BEAN SOUP AT MY USUAL PLACE.
NOTHING ELSE FOR IT...
A... A COP!
EEEEEP!
AM I MEANT TO HAVE DONE SOMETHING WRONG?!
AH!

KYAAAAH!
GEEZ, I'M GETTING REAL SICK OF THIS...
WH... WHO'S A PERV?!
PERVERT!
H... HEEEELP!

COME 'ERE YOU! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE CALLING A POLICEMAN A PERV?!
GOOD GRIEF, FOR SUCH A CUTE FACE YOU'VE A HORRID MOUTH!
EEEEEP... M... MONSTEEEER!
TRUTH IS, I'D LIKE YOU TO MAKE ANOTHER PROPHECY.
YOU'RE LIKE ANDRE THE GIANT'S TWIN.
HOLD ON A SEC NOW.
SOMEONE SAVE MEEEE!

THAT'S RIGHT, PLEASE HELP ME!
I SEE, YOU WANT TO DO A GOOD DEED.
MAKE IT ABOUT SOME NEARBY BURGLARS, OR FRAUD INCIDENTS OR SOMETHING.
A PROPHECY YOU SAY...?
ALL I CAN SAY IS I CAN SMELL THE OMINOUS STENCH OF BLOOD.
WELL, I DON'T REALLY KNOW THE SPECIFICS...
AN UNFORTUNATE EVENT?! WHATEVER DO YOU MEAN?!
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I DO FEEL AS THOUGH AN UNFORTUNATE EVENT MIGHT WELL OCCUR NEAR HERE SOON.
Y... YOU CAN'T BE SAYING THAT A MURDER WILL OCCUR?!
THE STENCH OF BLOOD?!
I BELIEVE IT WILL BE IN THAT NEARBY BUILDING.

IF SOME INCIDENT WERE TO OCCUR, AND I ENDED UP GRAPPLING WITH THE CRIMINAL...
WHAT'S THE CULPRIT LIKE?! ARE THEY SOME VICIOUS FIEND OR...
A... ARE YOU SURE THAT A MURDER IS GONNA HAPPEN?!
YOU'VE GONE WHITE AS A SHEET, MY GOOD OFFICER.
OH, SOMETHING THE MATTER?
I CAN'T TELL YOU ANY OF THAT, ALL I HAVE IS A PREMONITION, NOTHING MORE...

WH... WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
UFUFU. SEEMS YOU MIGHT WELL SPEND YOUR ENTIRE LIFE AS A POLICEMAN NEVER MANAGING TO DO A SINGLE GOOD THING.
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YOU'VE TRIED TO DEAL WITH NUMEROUS CASES BEFORE, BUT YOU ALWAYS END UP GETTING SCARED, AND YOUR BOSSES SCOLD YOU FOR IT...
YOU MAY HAVE A LARGE BODY BUT YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH COURAGE AND YOU'VE NO BACKBONE.
COME NOW, IT WON'T HELP TO GET MAD.
THAT'S WHY I SAID IT WAS POINTLESS TO EVEN GET WORKED UP.
UFUFU, GUESS I'M SPOT ON.
IN THE FIRST PLACE YOU NEED TO REPLACE THAT WEAK WILLED NATURE OF YOURS, WHICH IS SO RELIANT ON OTHERS!

A... A SPELL...?!
LISTEN UP. I SHALL NOW CAST A SPELL UPON YOU!
IF YOU BORROW THE POWER OF BLACK MAGIC YOUR WISH WILL SURELY COME TRUE.
WITH IT YOU WON'T BE AFRAID OF ANYTHING.
YES, THAT CONSTRUCTION SITE SHOULD DO.
QUIET, JUST FOLLOW ME.
WH... WHERE ARE WE GOING.

...
OKAY, STAND IN FRONT OF THAT PILLAR.
THE ROPE'S MOVING?!
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EKO EKO AZARAK!
EKO EKO ZAMERAK!

ARGH!

OHOHOHO...

WHAT'RE YOU DOING TO ME?!

YES, THEY'RE ROSES WHICH WILL GRANT YOUR WISH...

A... AREN'T THOSE JUST ORDINARY ROSES?
HERE, THIS IS A PRESENT FROM THE DEVIL.

H... HOW IN THE WORLD?!
WH... WHAT'S THAT SOUND?!
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HAH!
WAIT, ARE YOU GOING TO JUST LEAVE ME OUT HERE?!
OHOHOHO!
IT... IT COULDN'T BE...!
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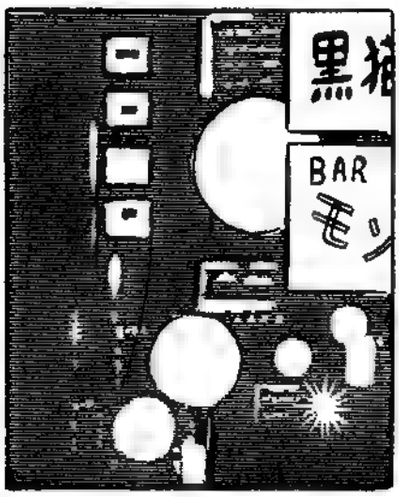
THAT'S A... A TIME BOMB!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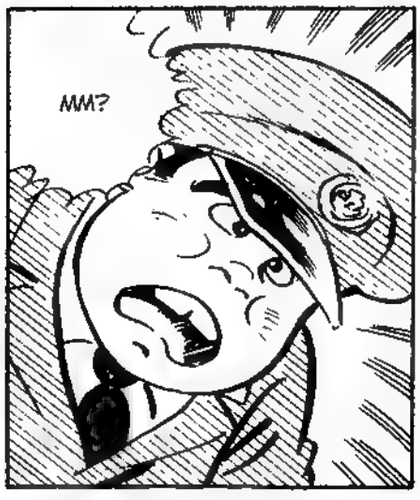
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON...?!

I'VE REALLY BEEN THROUGH SOME CRAZY THINGS TODAY...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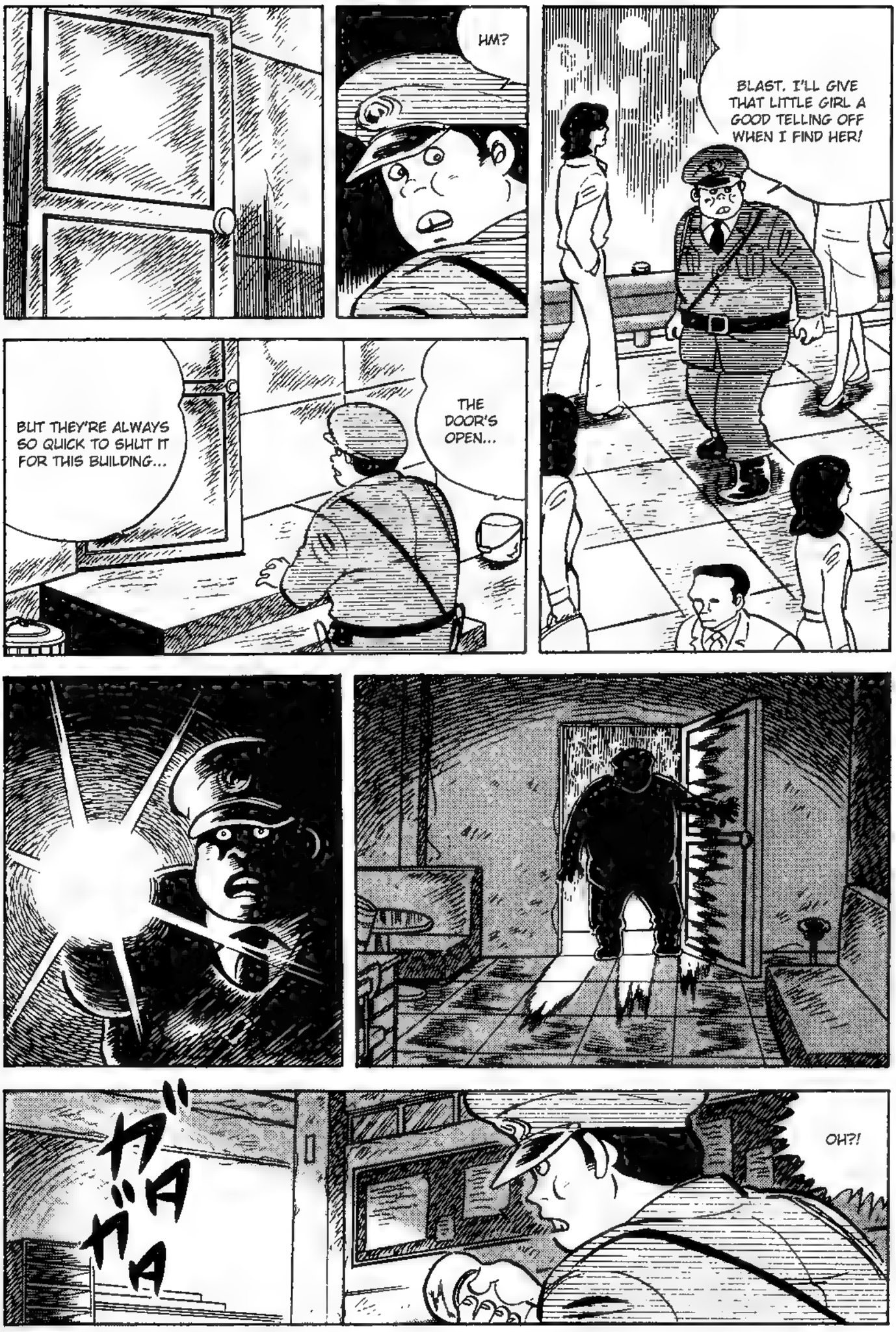
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BLAST. I'LL GIVE THAT LITTLE GIRL A GOOD TELLING OFF WHEN I FIND HER!
THE DOOR'S OPEN...
BUT THEY'RE ALWAYS SO QUICK TO SHUT IT FOR THIS BUILDING...
DA DA DA
OH?!

THE... THEY'VE BROKEN INTO THE SAFE!
UH?!
THEN THIS SAFE CRACKING MIGHT WELL BE THE INCIDENT IN QUESTION!
COME TO THINK OF IT, THIS WAS THE BUILDING SHE'D MADE HER OMINOUS PROPHECY ABOUT.

SOMEONE'S THERE!
ODD, MUST HAVE BEEN MY IMAGINATION.

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YET WHENEVER I DO, I GET SO SCARED I CAN'T DO A THING TO STOP THEM.
SURE I'VE MET PLENTY OF CRIMINALS UP TO THIS POINT...
TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE MY BODY'S HARDENED LIKE A METAL ROD, I CAN'T MOVE AT ALL!
WH... WHAT DO I DO?! I'M JUST STOOD HERE SHAKING.

FOR NOW I SHOULD JUST CALL THE STATION...
IS THAT HQ?
HE... HELLO...
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S... SORRY, MY MISTAKE.
EH? THE TELE-GRAPH OFFICE YOU SAY...
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IF NOTHING ELSE JUST SPARE MY LIFE!
P... PLEASE! M... MY LIFE!

WE SHOULD BE FINE JUST IGNORING HIM.
YET HE'S GOT SUCH A BIG OLD BODY. PATHETIC.

HIS SWEAT'S COMING DOWN LIKE A WATERFALL.
IS THIS GUY MEANT TO BE A COP?

TH... THAT'S THE SOUND OF...?!
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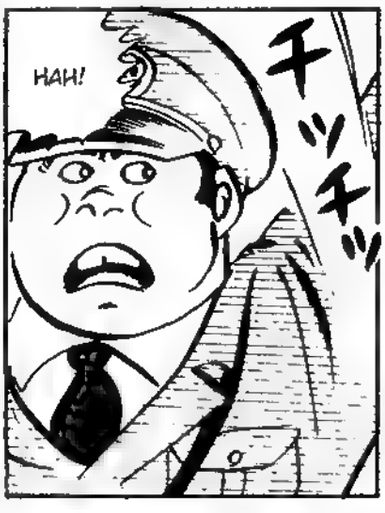
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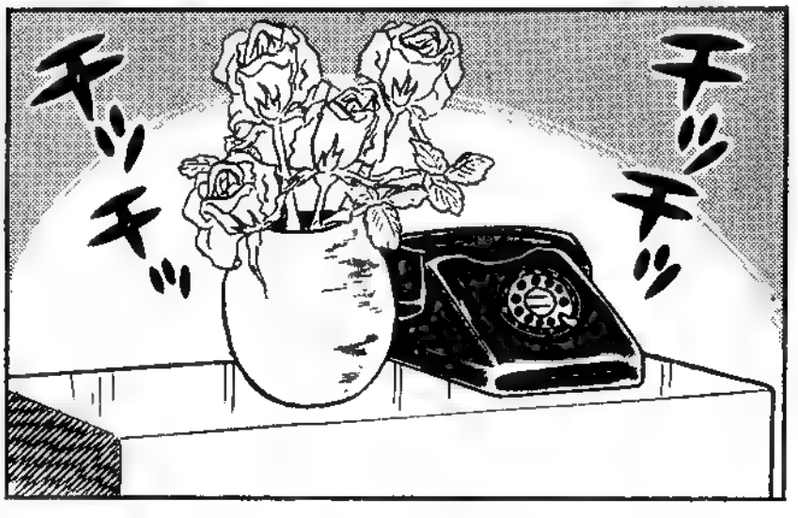
IT'S ABOUT TIME WE MADE A BREAK FOR IT, BRO.
AHAHAHAHA!

AGH... IT'S... IT'S THE TIME BOMB!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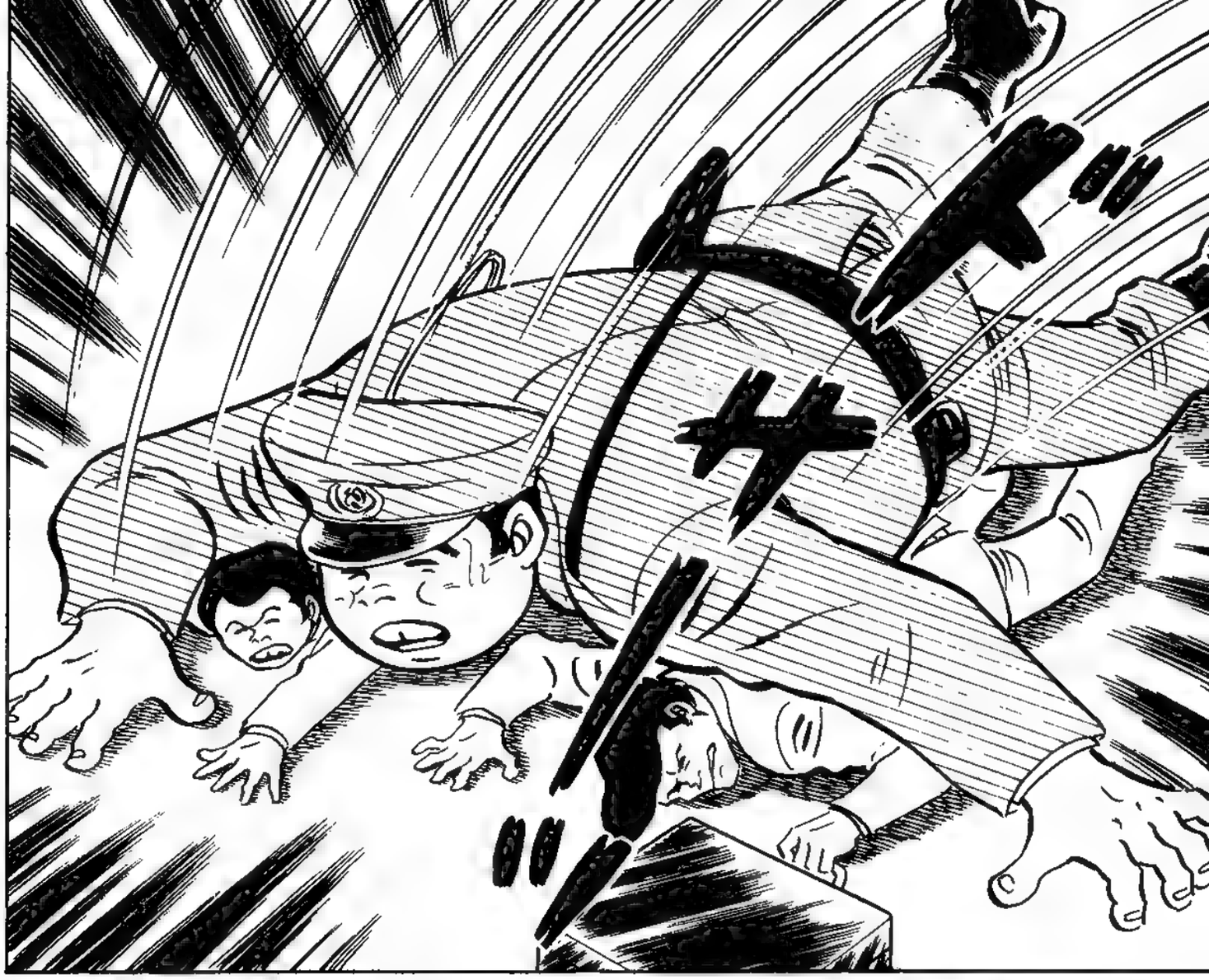
GET DOWN!
WATCH OUUUUT!



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HUH, IT'S...
IT'S YOU?!
OHOHOHO.

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HOW MUCH DID YOU WANT TO RIDICULE ME?!
R... REALLY NOW?!
JUST A LITTLE PRANK.
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THIS WASN'T A BOMB AT ALL.
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT, WITH YOUR WEIGHT, EVEN TWO MEN WOULD BE KNOCKED OUT WHEN PRESSED DOWN.
FORGET ME, SHOULDN'T YOU HURRY UP AND PUT SOME HANDCUFFS ON THOSE TWO?
WH... WHAT...?!
I'LL COME AND THANK YOU LATER. AHAHAHA.
WELL CHEERS. WHAT AN UNEXPECED WAY TO DO MY FIRST GOOD DEED.
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THEIR FIRST LOVE

I'M SO BOOORED...

AAAAAH...

I GUESS THINGS MIGHT BE TOUGH THIS YEAR TOO...

I'VE NOT HAD ANY CUSTOMERS AT ALL.

GOODNESS, NOW THERE'S A VILLAINOUS CHARACTER...

天神町前

I'LL JUST DO A QUICK CARD READING.

UFUFU.

HE COULD WELL BE AN HONEST FARMER, WORKING AWAY FROM HOME IN THE CITY.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MANY NASTY LOOKING PEOPLE WHO'RE SURPRISINGLY VIRTUOUS.

OR A DEATH ROW CONVICT JUST ESCAPED...

PERHAPS HE'S A HEINOUS CRIMINAL WANTED BY THE POLICE.

HE REALLY IS A VILLAIN!

AH!

EEEEP!

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IS THAT YOU MIKA-CHAN.

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BUT YOUR BEAUTIFUL EYES AND NOSE ARE JUST LIKE HERS.

I GOT THE WRONG PERSON...

MISA KURO!...

N... NOT AT ALL, I'M MISA KURO.

IT IS, IT'S YOU MIKA-CHAN?!

GRANTED I'VE NOT SEEN HER FOR MANY YEARS, SO HER FACE MIGHT WELL HAVE CHANGED.

OH MY, IS SHE THAT PRETTY? AHEM!

I'M STILL ONLY 15!

WELL, SHE WAS THREE YEARS YOUNGER THAN ME, SO 25?

SO HOW OLD WOULD SHE BE NOW?

HER FAVOURITE LINE WAS ABOUT HOW SHE'D MARRY ME WHEN SHE WAS OLDER.

SHE'D ALWAYS CHASE AFTER ME TO GET DOTED UPON...

SHE SURE WAS A CUTE GIRL, HEHEHE...

YOU KNOW, SEEING YOU HAS SUDDENLY GOT ME ALL NOSTALGIC ABOUT HER.

USHISHISHI...

OF COURSE. I ALWAYS KEEP IT ON ME.

DO YOU HAVE A PHOTO OF HER?

WELL, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT. HEHEHE...

SHE WAS YOUR FIRST LOVE THEN?

OH MY, YOU REALLY WERE YOUNG AT THE TIME THEN?!

I WONDER WHAT YOU'RE UP TO NOW, MIKA-CHAN.

AAAAAH.

YEP. SHE WOULDA BEEN FIVE AND I WAS EIGHT...

...

I MEAN SHE'LL BE 25, WHAT WOULD YOU EXPECT. JUST THINK ABOUT IT.

M... MARRIED YOU SAY?!

SHE MIGHT WELL HAVE GOTTEN MARRIED.

FIRST THING'S FIRST THE FEE, IF YOU WOULD.

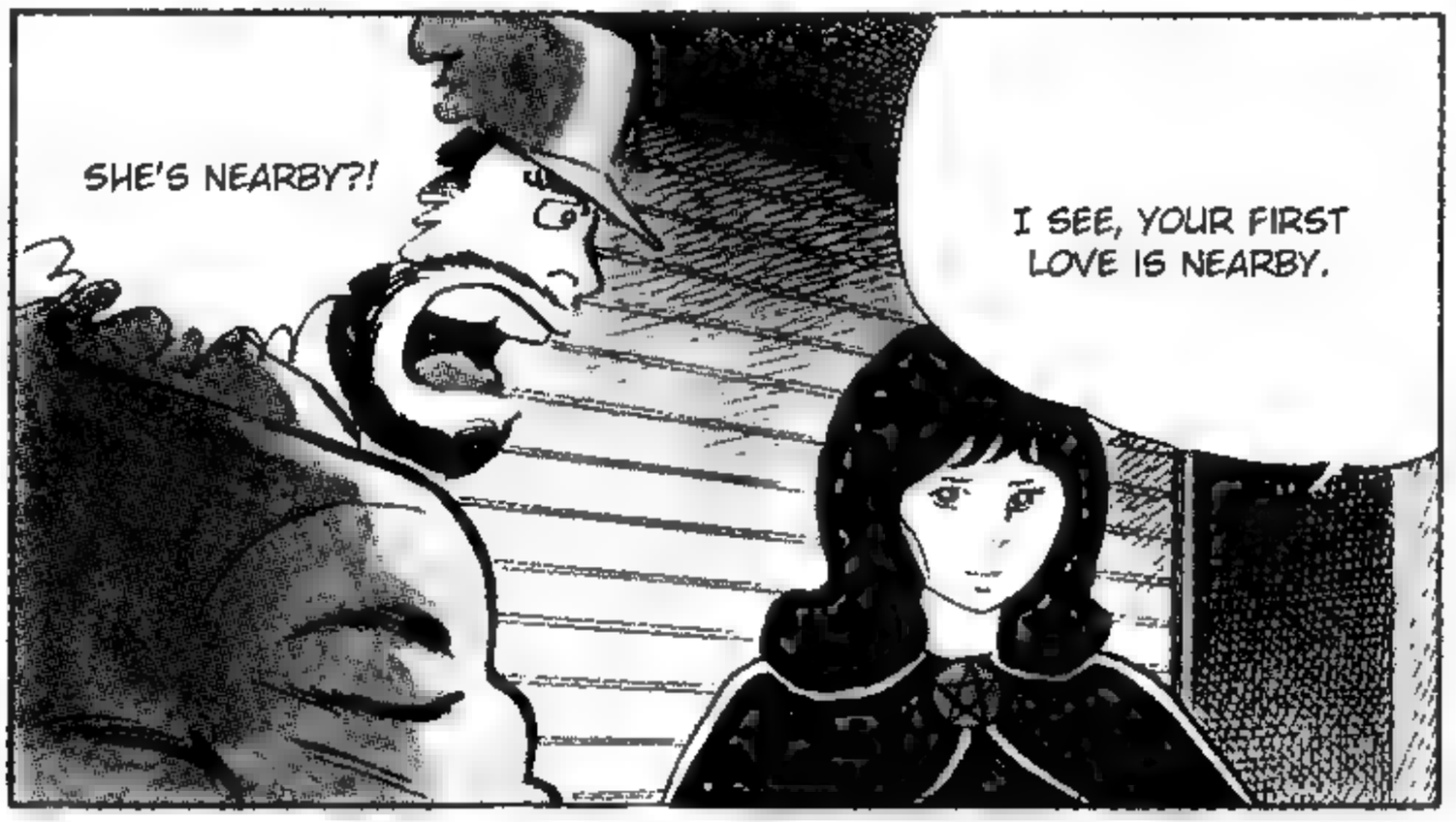
ALRIGHT, PLEASE DO. YOU CAN TELL ME WHERE SHE IS AND ALL!

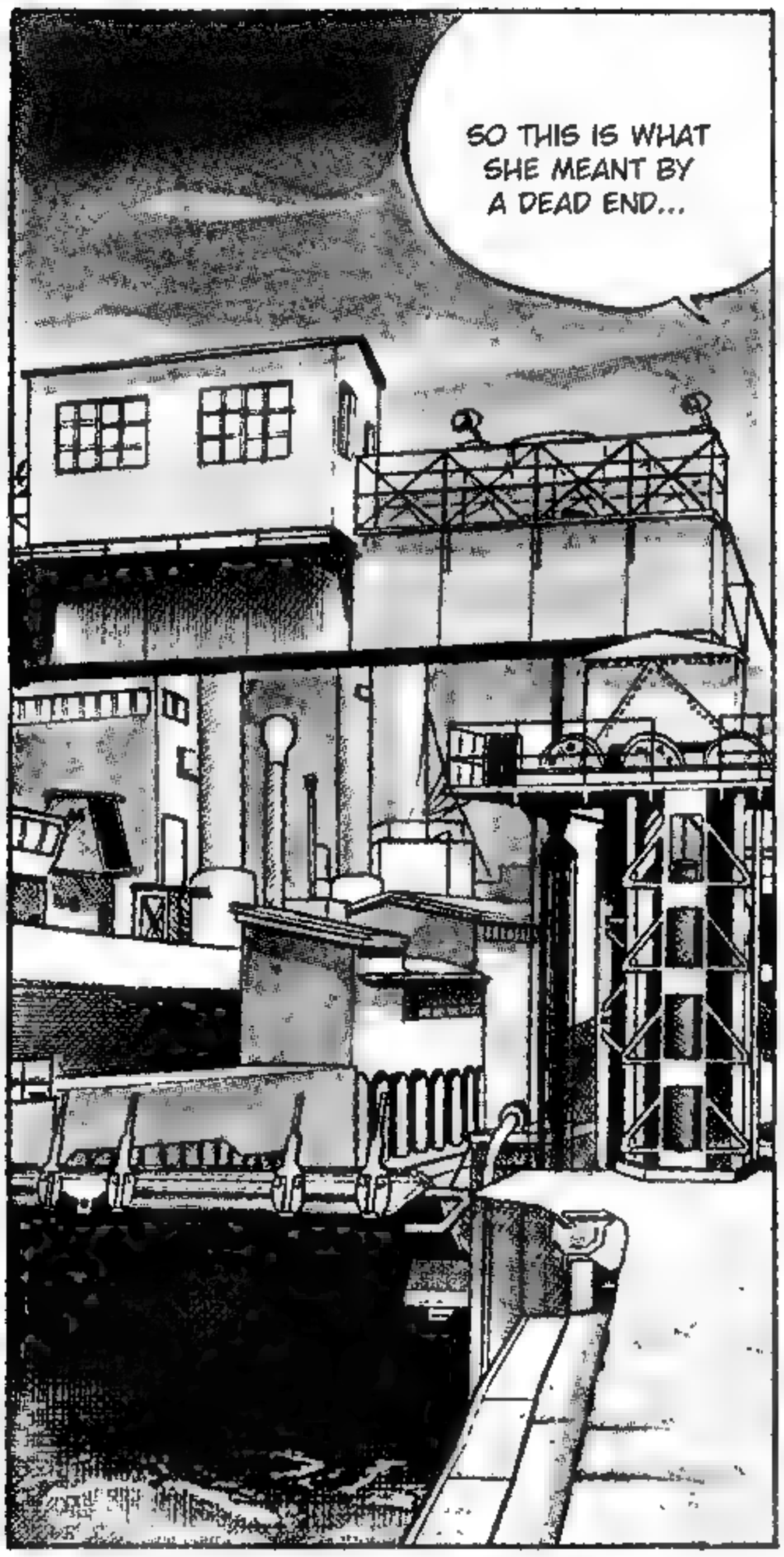
IF YOU'RE THAT WORRIED, I'LL USE THE CARDS TO OFFER YOU A DIVINATION.

TELL YOU WHAT.

I GUESS YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT.

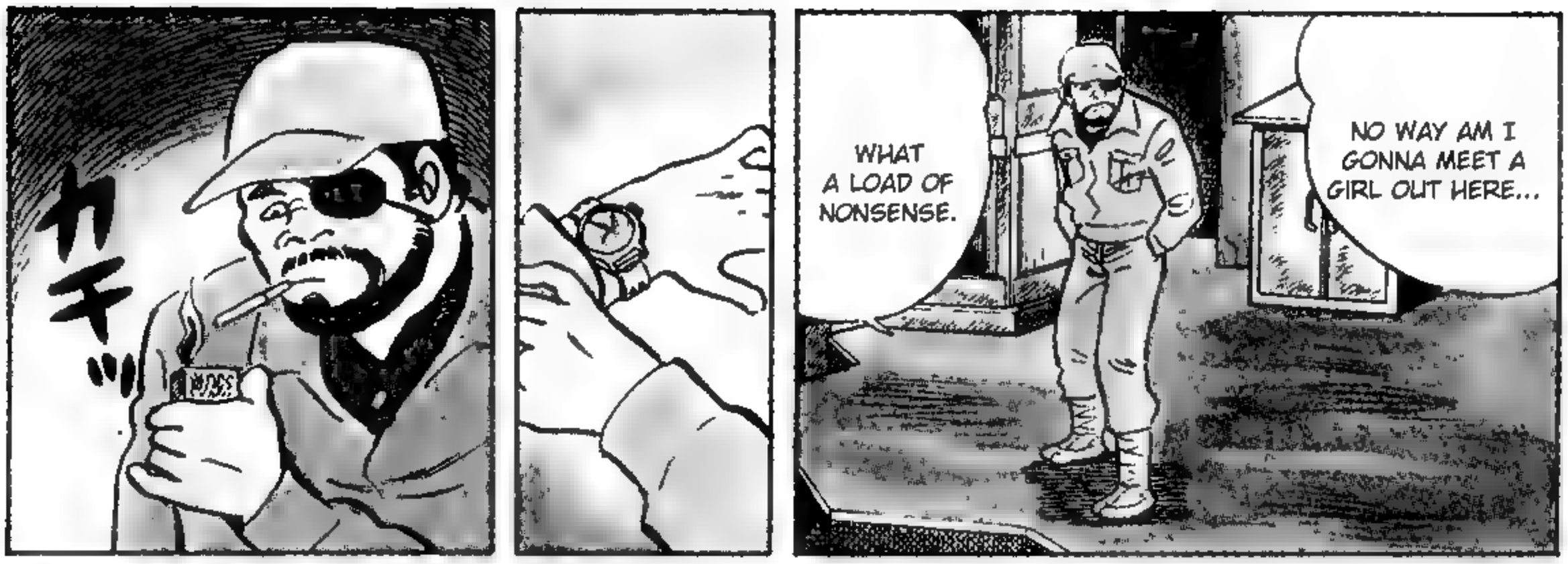
YOU'LL BE SURE TO MEET MIKA-SAN.
IF YOU HEAD DOWN THAT ROAD YOU'LL COME TO A DEAD END. WAIT THERE A WHILE.


SHE'S NEARBY?!
I SEE, YOUR FIRST LOVE IS NEARBY.


SO THIS IS WHAT SHE MEANT BY A DEAD END...

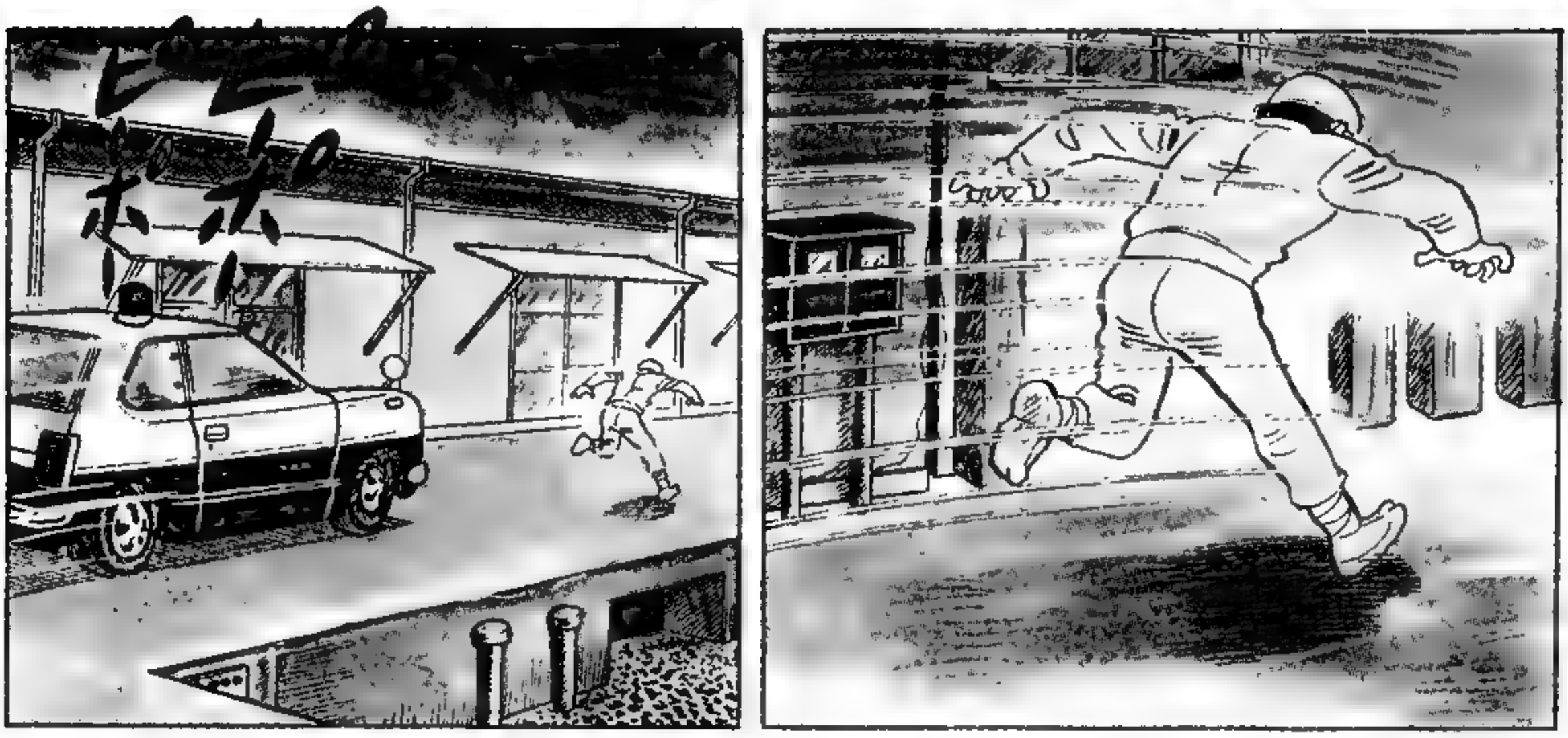
I TOOK THE FEE, AND SO ASSUME ALL LIABILITY.
YOU'RE NOT MAKING THIS UP, ARE YOU.
F... FOR REAL?

WELL, I'LL GIVE IT A QUICK GO.


WHAT A LOAD OF NONSENSE.
NO WAY AM I GONNA MEET A GIRL OUT HERE...

WHAT'RE YOU DOING THERE?
MM?
HELLO.

A... A POLICE CAR!
EEEEEEP!



I HAD NO WORK AT ALL TONIGHT.

I'LL BUY A GIFT FOR PAPA AND MAMA THEN HEAD BACK.

UFUFU...

BUT ALL I GOT FROM THAT WANTED CRIMINAL'S REALLY SAVED ME.

HAAH, HAAH...

EH?

LIKE HELL YOU WILL!

LEMME OFFER YOU SOME THANKS!

YOU MIGHT BE A LIL' GIRL BUT YOU SURE ACTED SLY ENOUGH!

YOU DID?

COS OF YOU I NEARLY GOT CAUGHT BY THE POLICE!

DON'T FUCK AROUND!

AND WHAT EXACTLY DID I DO?

OH MY, WHAT IS THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN.

WH... WHAT?!

HOLD ON A MOMENT. WHAT IF THE WOMAN YOU'RE AFTER WAS A POLICE WOMAN?

ARE YOU STILL TRYING TO PLAY DUMB YOU LITTLE MINX?!

ODD. I'M NOT QUITE SURE WHAT THE POLICE TURNING UP WOULD MEAN.

THAT MUST'VE BEEN MIKA-SAN THEN!

I KNEW IT!

COME TO THINK OF IT, THERE WAS A FEMALE OFFICER THERE...

...

ALRIGHT CUT THE BULLSHIT, I'M NOT GONNA BE FOOLED!

OF ALL THE LUCK. THERE'S NOTHING I HATE MORE IN THE WORLD THAN THE COPS...

F... FOR REAL?!

OPEN YOUR EYES AND TAKE A GOOD LOOK!

TO START WITH, YOU THINK THAT UGLY COW IS MIKA-CHAN?!

BULLSHIT, SHE'S THE LAST PERSON WHO'D END UP LIKE THAT!

OF COURSE HER FACE IS GONNA CHANGE AS SHE GROWS UP.

THAT PHOTO'S FROM WHEN SHE WAS FIVE.

I DON'T WANT TO RUIN YOUR DREAMS BUT...

EH?!

EXACTLY, I'VE NOT CHANGED AT ALL.

WEIRD, I'M SURE I HEARD A GIRL'S VOICE JUST THEN...

?

EEH?!

MIKA IS HERE...

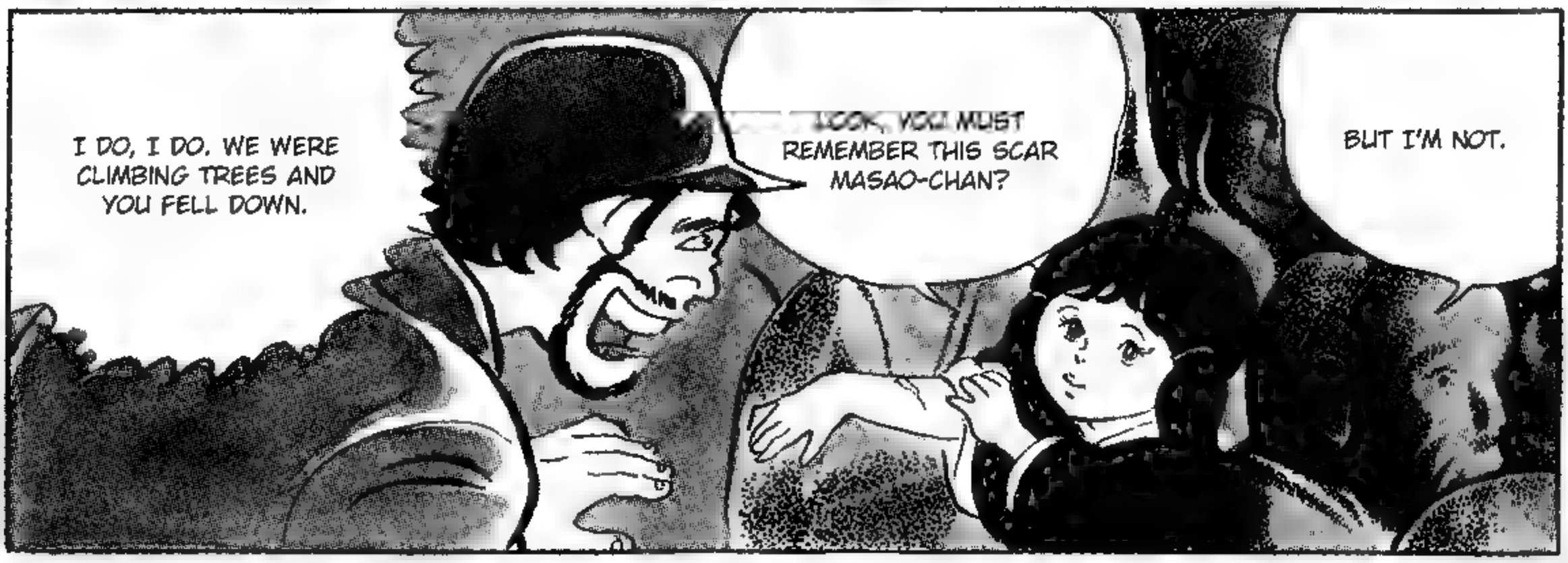
UFUFU...

GOSH, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ME?

MASAO-CHAN IT'S ME, MIKA.

AH!

COULD YOU STOP MESSING AROUND WITH PEOPLE, PLEASE!
UFUFU, OF COURSE.
Y... YOU DO LOOK LIKE THE PHOTO BUT...


I DO, I DO. WE WERE CLIMBING TREES AND YOU FELL DOWN.
LOOK, YOU MUST REMEMBER THIS SCAR MASAO-CHAN?
BUT I'M NOT.

THAT NOTWITHSTANDING, THERE'S NO WAY HER LOOKS AND FIGURE WOULDN'T HAVE CHANGED. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, 20 YEARS HAVE PASSED YOU KNOW.
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THIS CHILD'S MIKA-CHAN!

EH?

OH, NOT QUITE. MY BODY HAS GROWN SOMEWHAT.

I'M JUST A LITTLE FATTER THOUGH.

SEE!

KYAAAAAH!

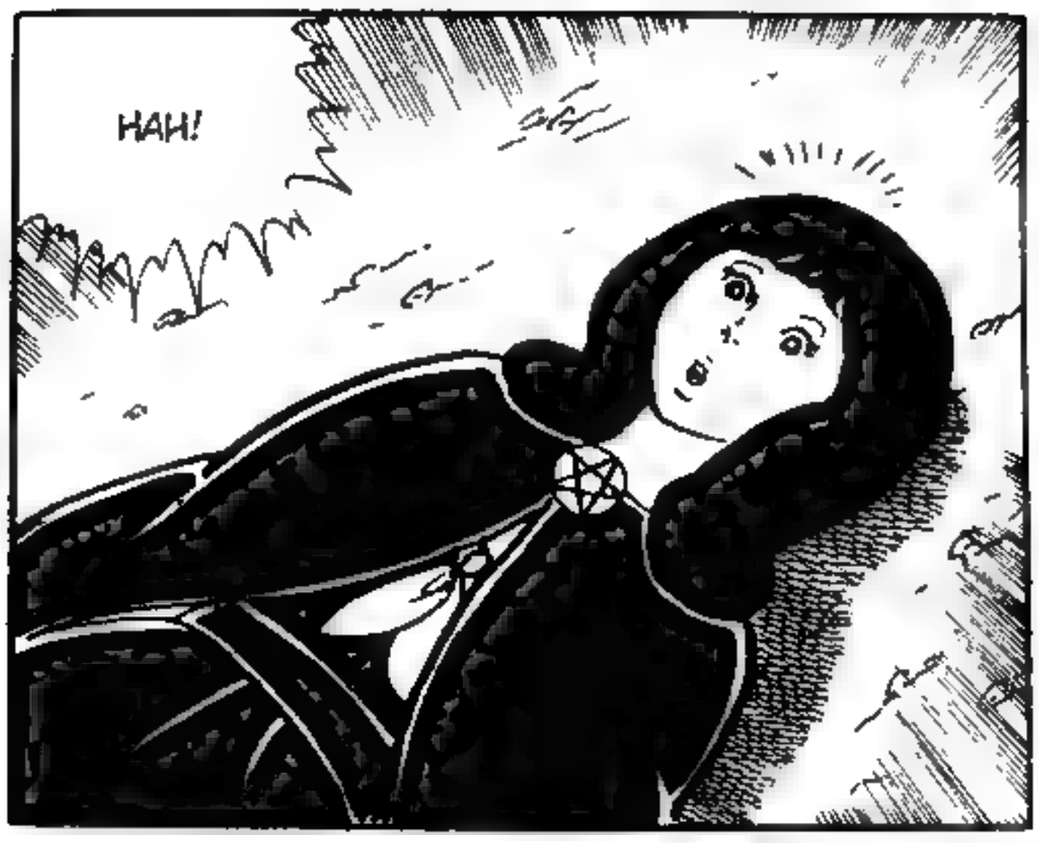
I BET YOU FIND MY FIGURE A TAD ODD.

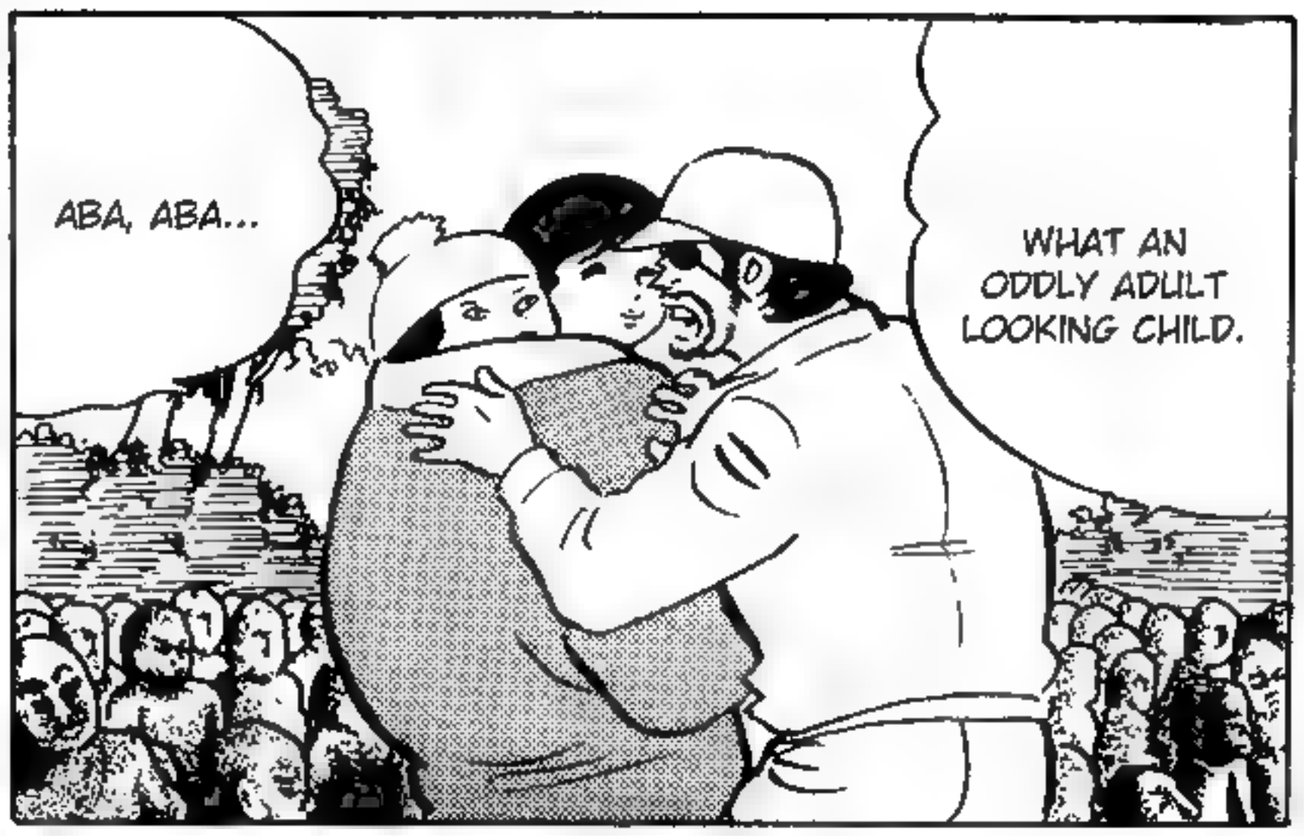
J... JUST WHAT IS THE MEANING OF ALL THIS?

THEN YOU REALLY HAVE MARRIED?!

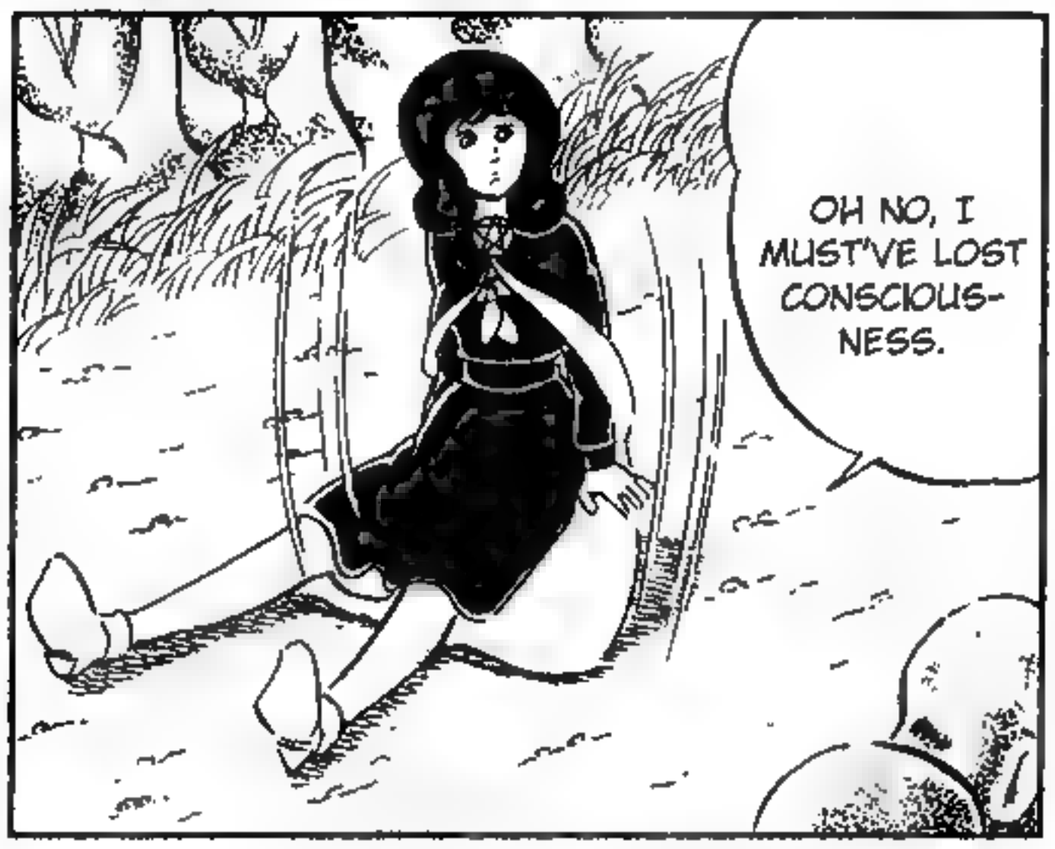
Y... YOU'VE GOT A CHILD ON YOUR BACK!

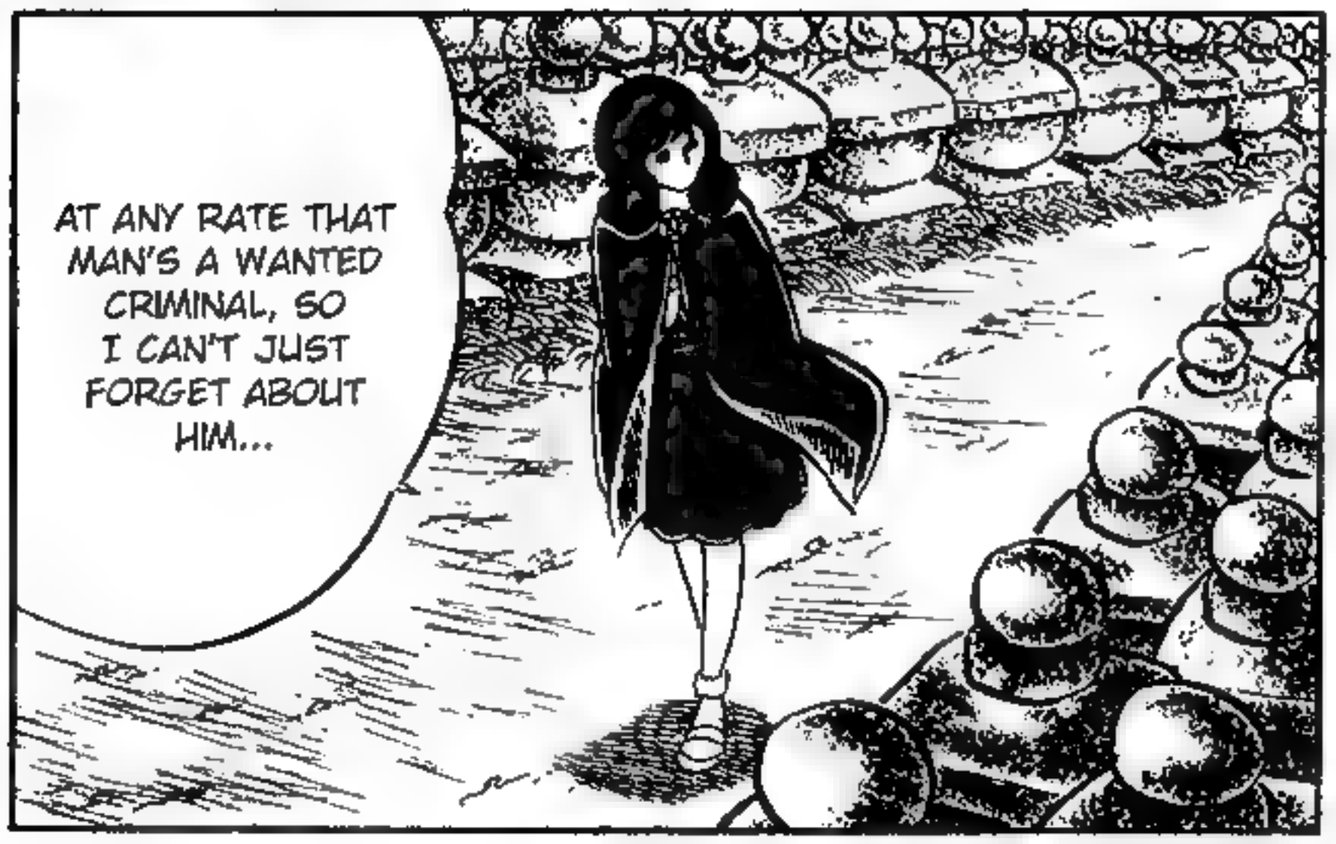
YES, THIS IS MY CHILD.

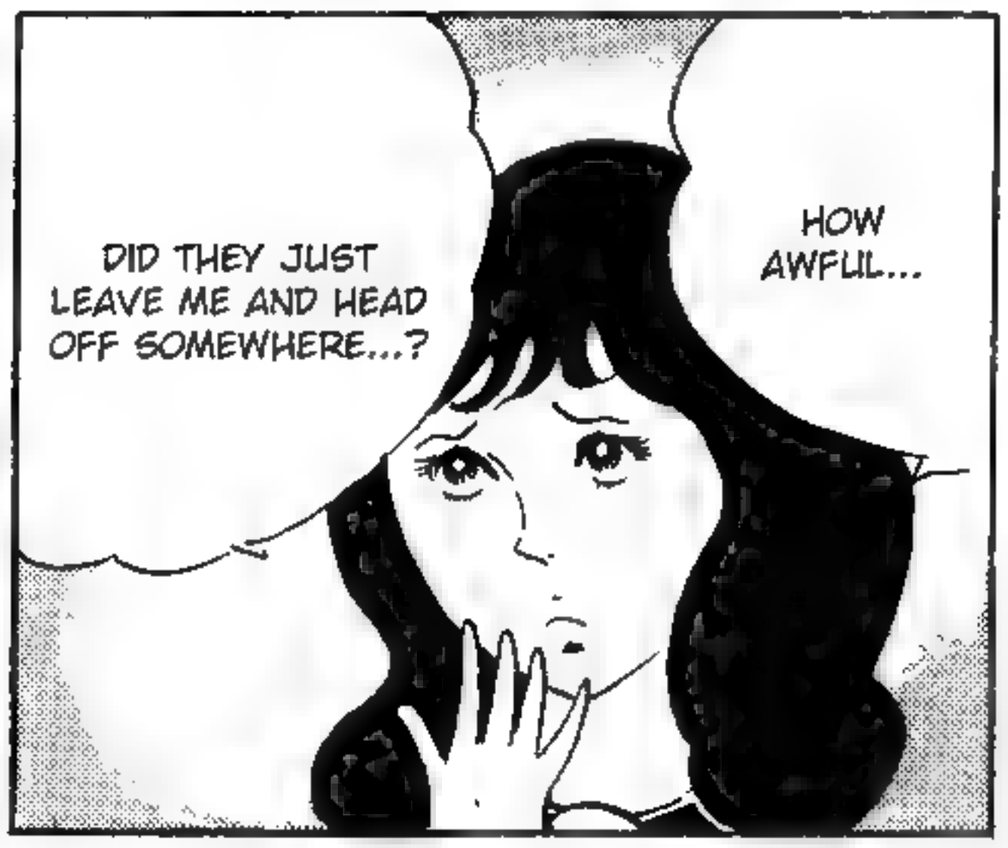

HAH!


ABA, ABA...
WHAT AN ODDLY ADULT LOOKING CHILD.

THOSE TWO ARE GONE NOW.


OH NO, I MUST'VE LOST CONSCIOUS-NESS.


AT ANY RATE THAT MAN'S A WANTED CRIMINAL, SO I CAN'T JUST FORGET ABOUT HIM...


DID THEY JUST LEAVE ME AND HEAD OFF SOMEWHERE...?
HOW AWFUL...

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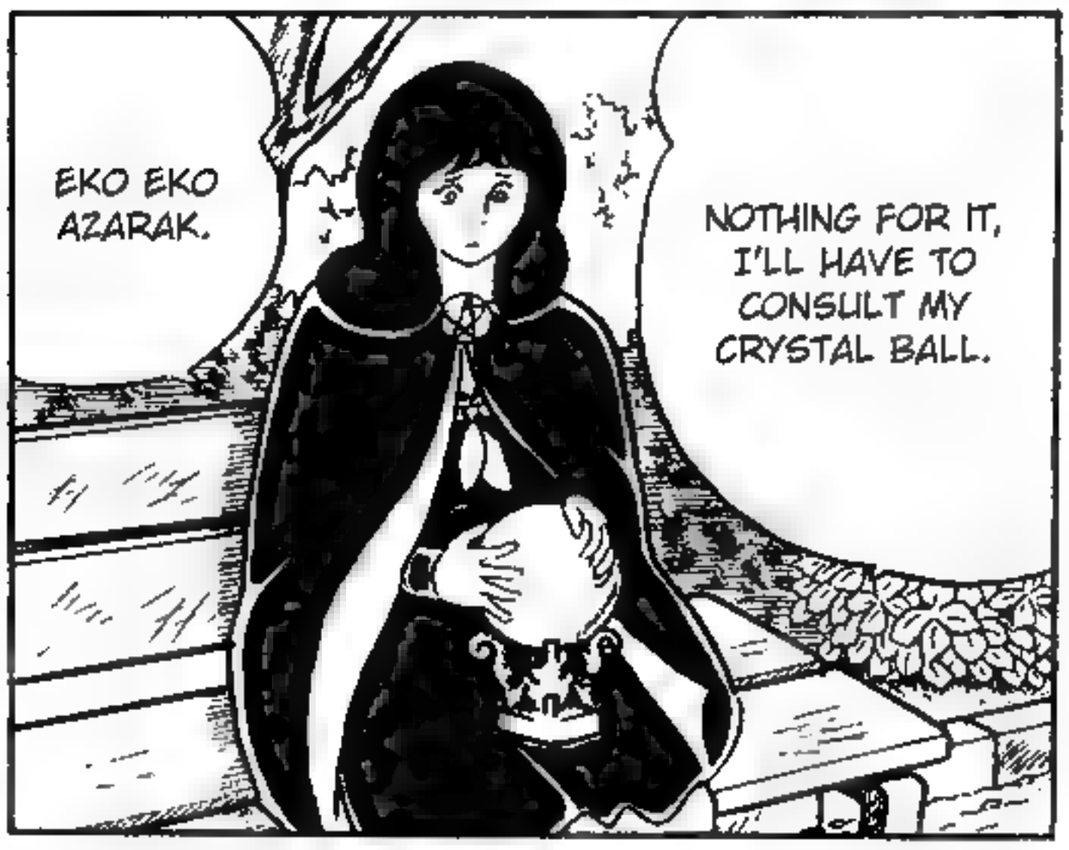
EKO EKO ZAMERAK...


EKO EKO AZARAK.
NOTHING FOR IT, I'LL HAVE TO CONSULT MY CRYSTAL BALL.

TAKE A LOOK AT THAT SWEET SHOP...

WOAAAH, IT'S NOT CHANGED AT ALL IN 20 YEARS.

WE'D OFTEN RACE UP HERE.

AAAARGH, THIS HILL TAKES ME BACK...

SURE!

HEY, HOW ABOUT WE TAKE A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE AND HAVE SOME CANDY.

YEP, YEP. ALL MY CHILDHOOD MEMORIES ARE COMING BACK TO ME. FEELS LIKE IT WAS JUST YESTERDAY.

INDEED. WE OFTEN USED TO RUSH HERE WITH OUR POCKET MONEY.

WE USED TO TALK ABOUT OUR FUTURES WHILE HAVING THESE.

AAAH, IT'S DELICIOUS.

OH YEAH, WITH A RAFFLE TOO.

LOOK, THEY'RE SELLING MIZUAME.

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MM!

AND I'LL GET A TON OF MONEY AND MARRY YOU MIKA-CHAN.

AAARGH, SO COOOL...

WHEN I GROW UP IMMA BE A PRO BASEBALL PLAYER.

WHAT'S UP MASA-CHAN...?

AAAAH, WHAT A SORRY STATE I'M IN...

BUT NOW I'M A WANTED MAN...

YOU KNOW, EVEN IF MY WISH DIDN'T COME TRUE, I WANTED TO KEEP THESE PURE FEELINGS.

I'VE NEVER FORGOTTEN WHAT I SWORE BACK THEN, BUT ALL I'VE MANAGED TILL NOW IS JUST PUTTING A BASEBALL CAP ON.

WHY DID I HAVE TO END UP LIKE THIS.

I'M JUST FEELING EMBARRASSED SEEING YOU UNCHANGED AFTER ALL THIS TIME MIKA-CHAN.

MIKA-CHAN...

HEY, WHAT'S WRONG?

I'LL START CRYING TOO.

NO, DON'T CRY MASA-CHAN.

UUUUUUH!

I'M OFF TO PURIFY MYSELF, WE'LL MEET AGAIN MIKA-CHAN.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING MASA-CHAN?

HAND MYSELF IN.

I REALLY SHOULD...

THANK GOODNESS...

FAREWELL, MIKA-CHAN.

MASAO-CHAN.

AND I'M A POLICE OFFICER.

OH MY, THE MOTHER WAS BEHIND HER?!

CORRECT, I'D BEEN TOTALLY UNABLE TO CAPTURE HIM.

SO I WAS SPOT ON WITH MY FORTUNE TELLING, YOU ARE MIKA-SAN!

YES, I'M REALLY GRATEFUL.

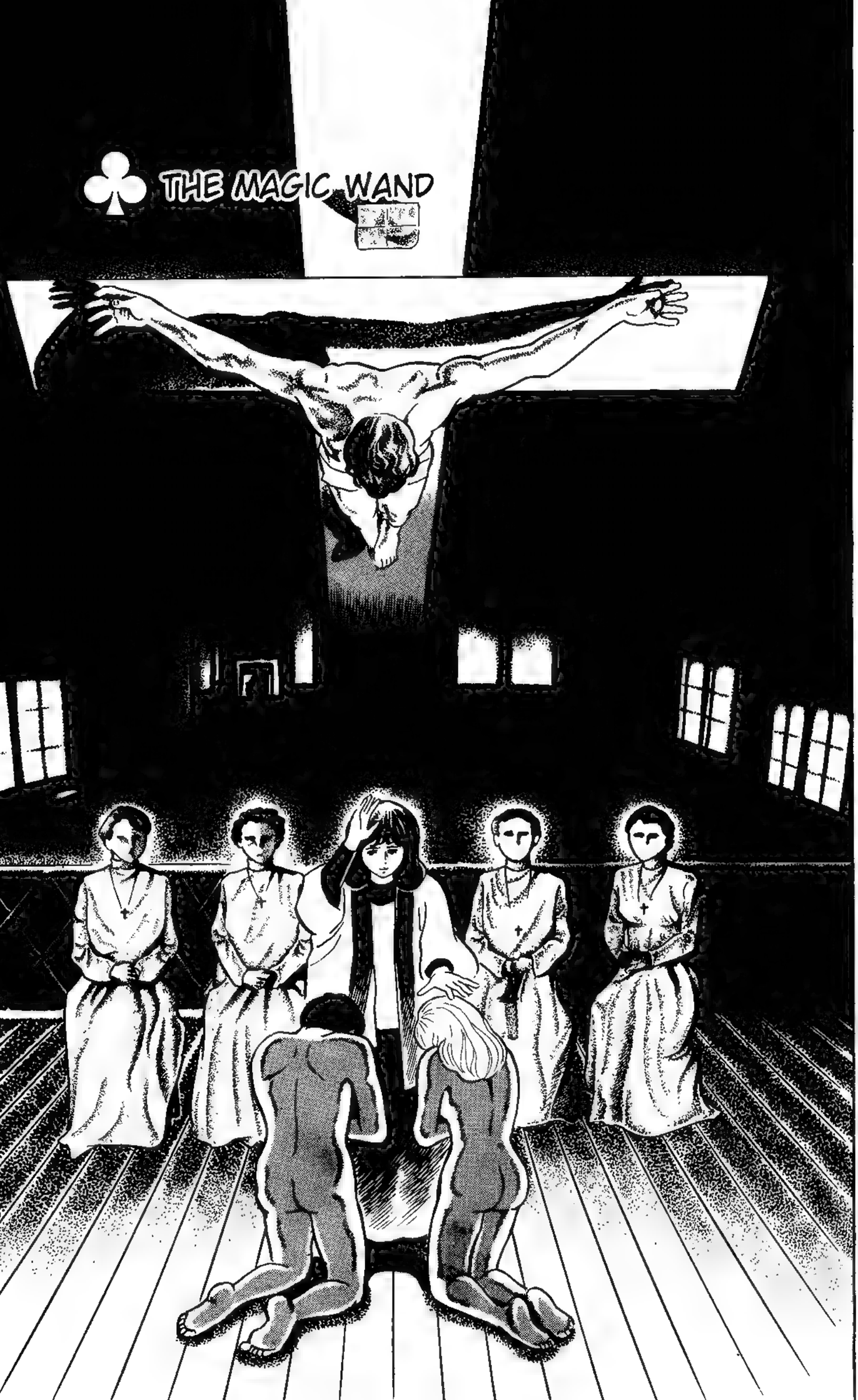
DID I ACT WELL MAMA?

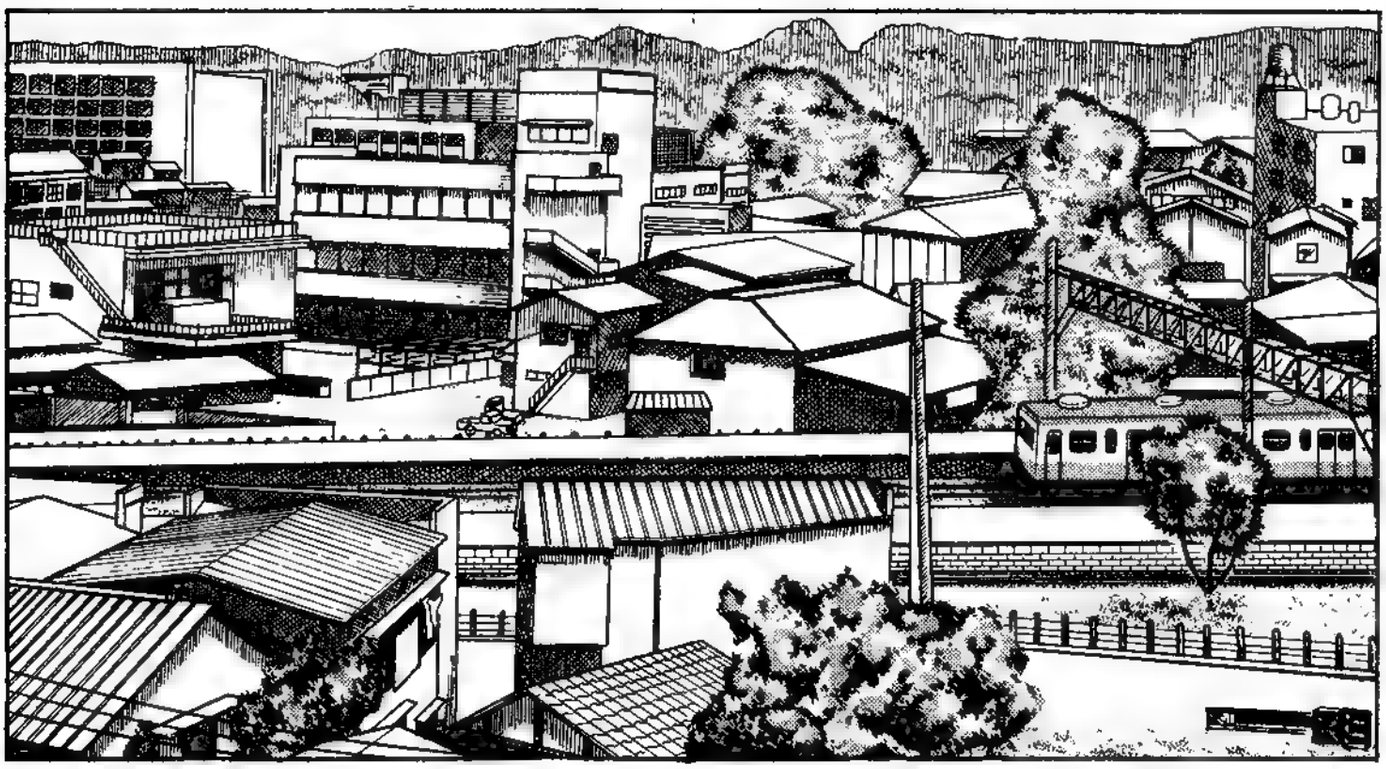
YES, CONVENIENTLY SHE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE I DID WHEN I WAS YOUNG AND IT WENT SMOOTHLY.

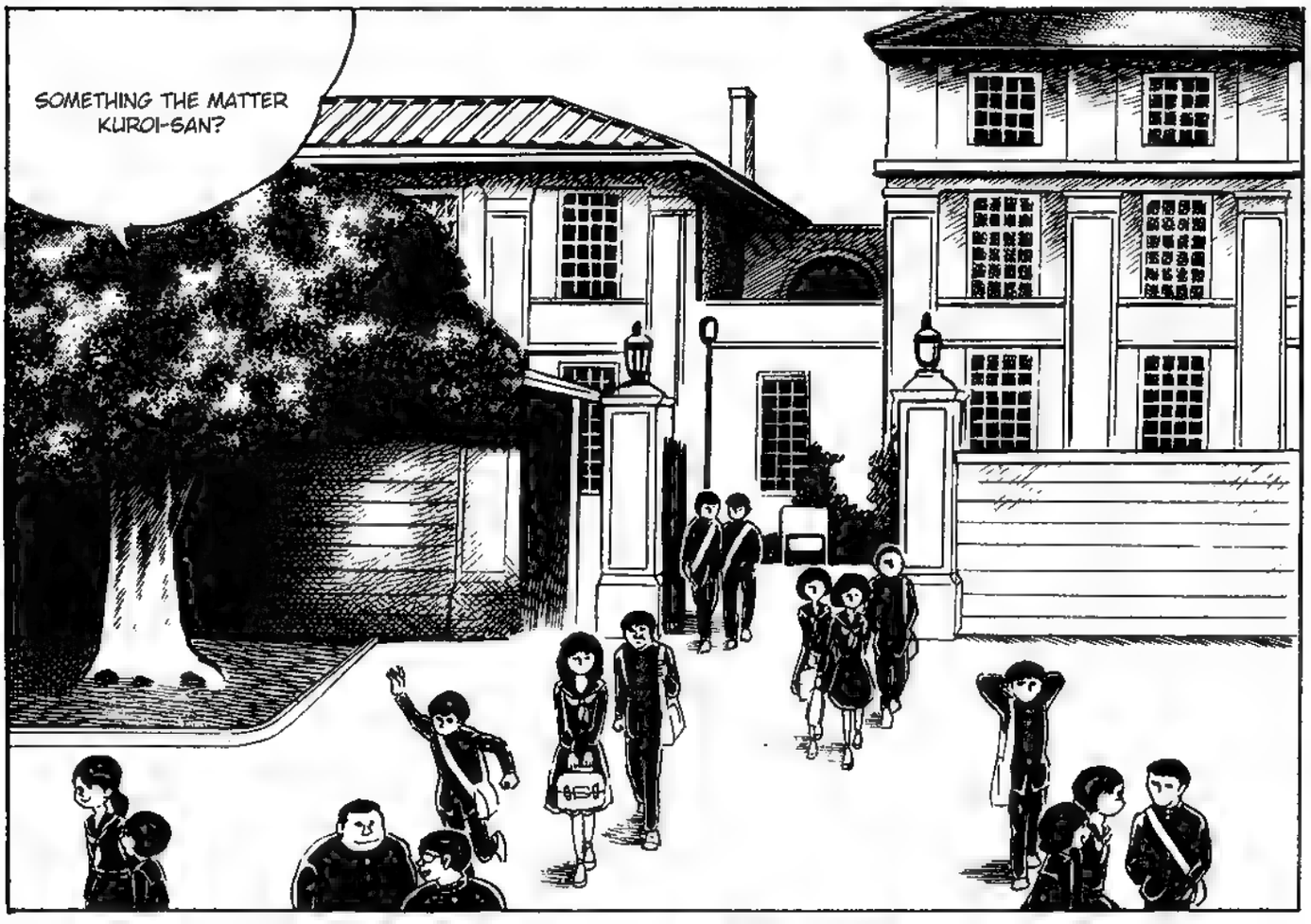
SO YOU USED YOUR CHILD TO HELP GET HIM TO HAND HIMSELF IN...

THOUGH I'M NOT HAPPY AT ALL...

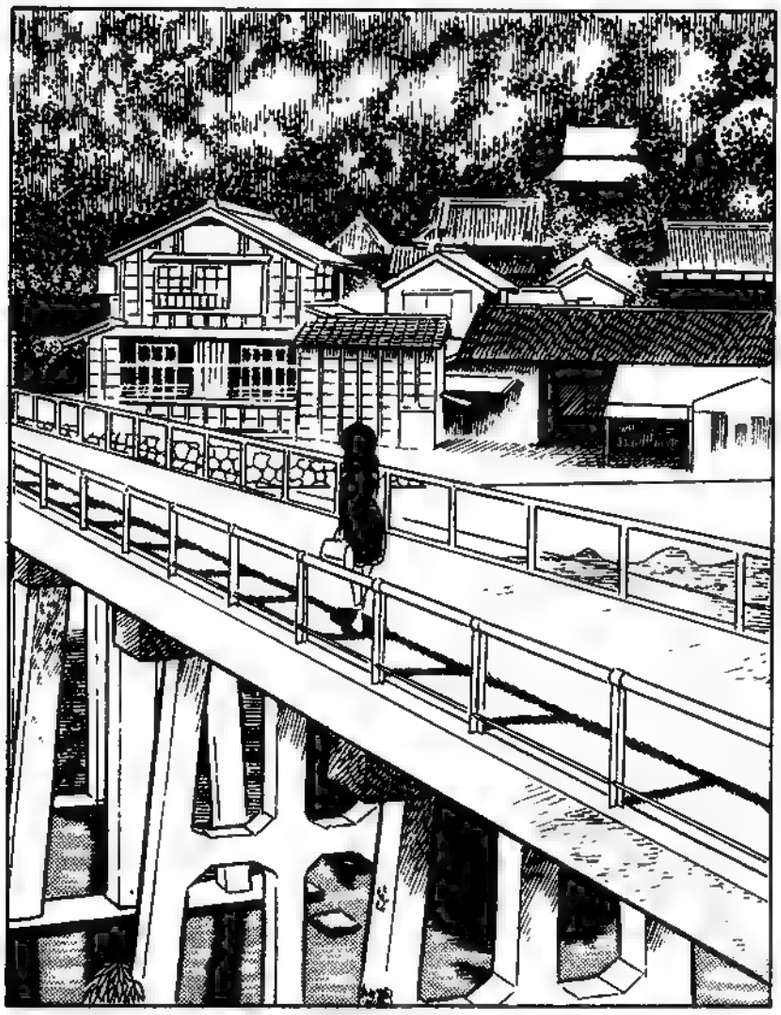
THANKS TO YOU MASAO-CHAN DECIDED TO HAND HIMSELF IN...


THE MAGIC WAND

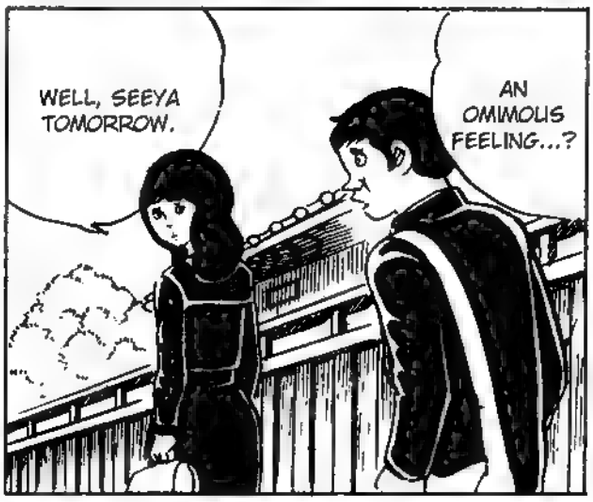



SOMETHING THE MATTER KUROI-SAN?

...
YOU'VE NOT BEEN YOUR USUAL, CHEERFUL SELF TODAY.

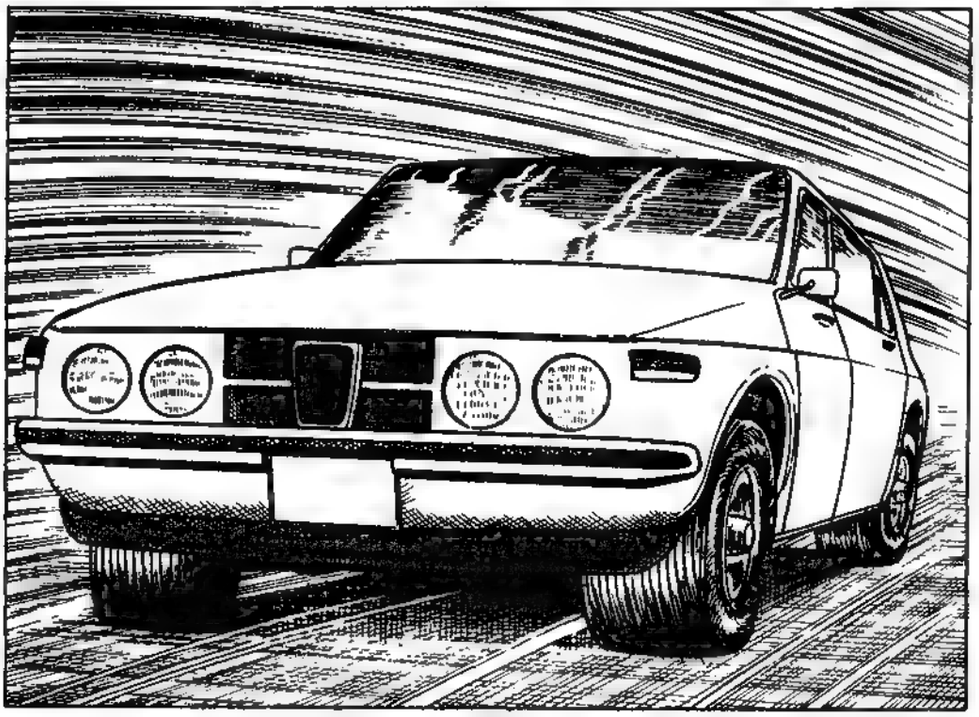


TRUTH BE TOLD I'VE GOT AN OMINOUS FEELING IN MY BODY.


WELL, SEEYA TOMORROW.
AN OMIMOUS FEELING...?

HAH!

GYAAAH!



AH!
CRAP, I RAN SOMEONE OVER!
AH... LOOKS LIKE SHE HIT HER HEAD.
WHETHER THERE'S ONE CORPSE OR TWO ISN'T GONNA MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE.
IDIOT! WE'VE ALREADY KILLED SOMEONE AS IS!
WH... WHAT?!
COME ON, JUST LEAVE HER!

IT'D ALL BE FOR NOTHING IF A PATROL CAR FOUND US NOW.
SHIT! WE NEED TO HURRY UP AND DUMP THIS CAR!
ACCORDING TO EYE WITNESS ACCOUNTS THE CULPRITS' CAR IS BELIEVED TO A BE A FOREIGN SAAB 99, IT'S NUMBERPLATE IS...
THIS IS A SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN. AT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON TWO MASKED ROBBERS, A MAN AND A WOMAN, BROKE INTO KABEKUMA BANK AND MADE OFF WITH APPROXIMATELY 90 MILLION YEN, SHOOTING ONE OF THE CLERKS IN THE PROCESS.
WE'LL HIDE OUT IN THE MOUNTAINS, LET'S GET WALKING.

HAAH, HAAH.
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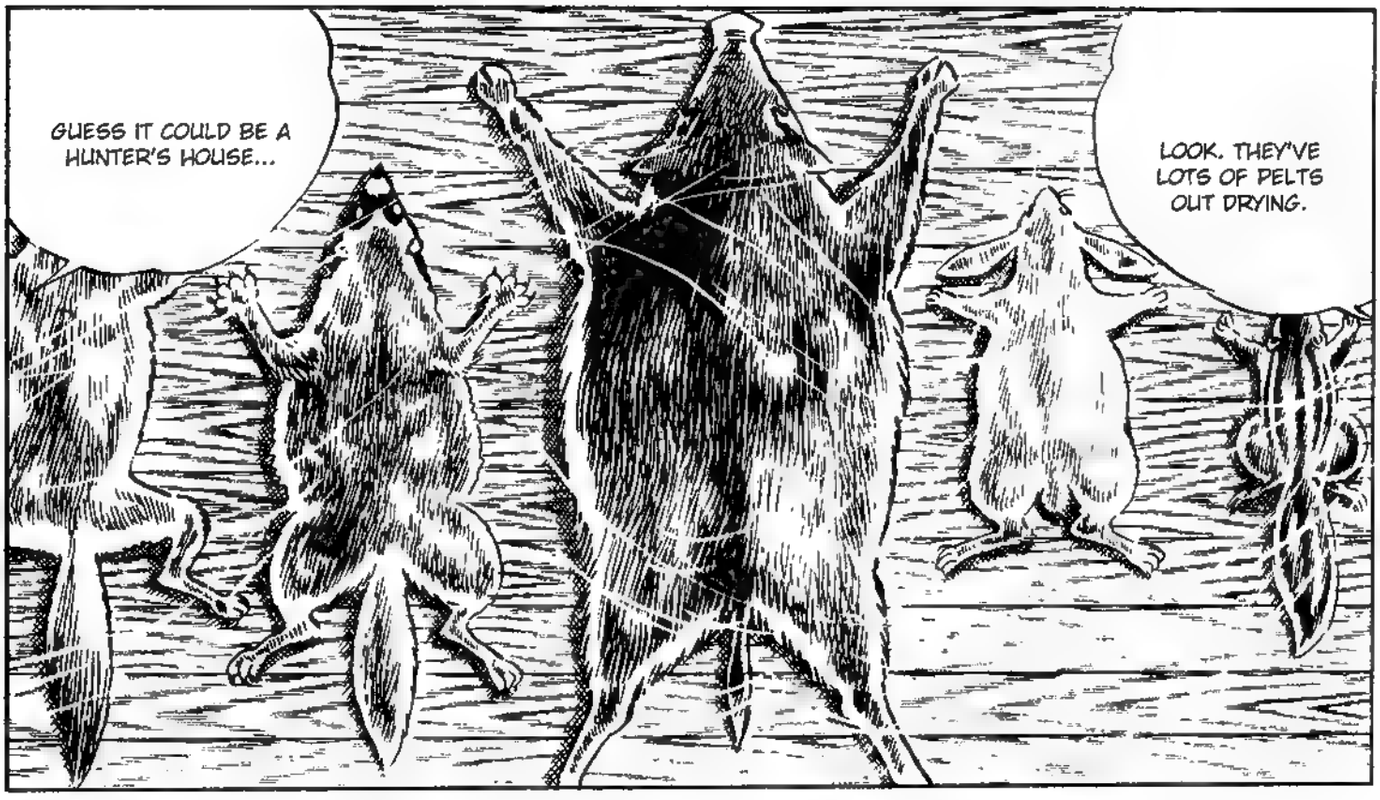
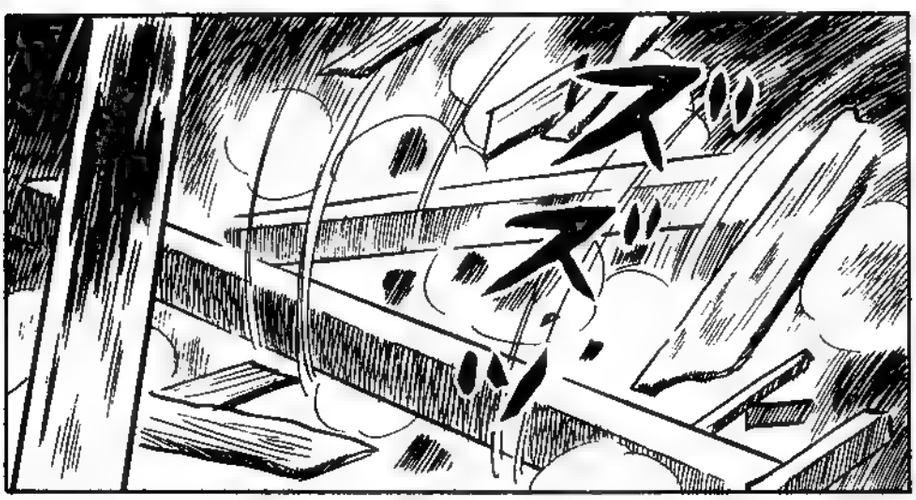
THERE ARE SOME HOUSES ALL THE WAY OUT HERE IN THE MOUNTAINS!
OH!
SEEMS THEY'RE VACANT.


GUESS IT COULD BE A HUNTER'S HOUSE...
LOOK. THEY'VE LOTS OF PELTS OUT DRYING.

TRUE ENOUGH. NO ONE'S GONNA COME NEAR HERE.
STILL, THIS IS THE PERFECT PLACE TO HIDE OUT, AIN'T IT.

TOO RIGHT, IT'S FILLED WITH SPIDER WEBS.
AND YET IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM LIKE SOMEONE LIVES HERE.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NASTY. LOOKS LIKE IT COULD FALL DOWN ANY SECOND.
EH?!
THERE'S A FEAST FOR YOU RIGHT OVER HERE.
IDIOT, WHY WOULD I.
YOU KNOW, I'M KINDA HUNGRY. GOT ANYTHING TO EAT?
AH!

NO WAY, MUST BE SOMEONE ELSE WHO LOOKS LIKE HER.
O... OI, AIN'T THAT THE GIRL WE...
YOU'RE ALL BY YOURSELF...?
SO I LIVE OUT HERE ALL ALONE.
MY MOTHER AND FATHER ARE BOTH DEAD...
MM, I DO.
YOU LIVE 'ERE THEN?
...
IT MIGHT NOT BE TO YOUR TASTES, THOUGH.
YOU MUST BE STARVING. PLEASE, EAT UP.
THAT'S WHY I'M OH SO LONELY.
WONDERFUL. I'LL GO AND PREPARE SOME MORE.
ALRIGHT WELL, HOW ABOUT WE GET OUR STRENGTH BACK WITH A MEAL?
THERE'S A BLIZZARD OUTSIDE SO YOU'RE FINE TO TAKE IT EASY.

HEHEHE, THIS LOOKS REAL GOOD.
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
HOLD IT!
YOU'RE AS HOPELESS AS EVER.
TH... THE HELL WAS THAT FOR?!
OUCH!
NOT TO MENTION THE FACT THAT IT'S THE MIDDLE OF WINTER YET SHE'S GOT ALL THIS FOOD...
THINK ABOUT IT. TO START WITH AIN'T IT ODD TO HAVE A LIL' GIRL LIKE THAT LIVING ALL THE WAY OUT HERE BY HERSELF...
SHE'S PLANNING SOMETHING...?
THAT GIRL COULD BE PLANNING SOMETHING.

MY DAD WAS A HUNTER AND CAUGHT PLENTY OF PREY.
YOU NEEDN'T WORRY, THERE'S TONS OF FOOD.
WOAH, THEY'VE ALL BEEN ROASTED.
TAKE A LOOK, THERE'S ALL SORTS IN HERE.
TH... THE HELL?!
CORRECT! WE'VE FOX, WEASEL, WOLF...
THE MEAT I'D LIKE?
FEEL FREE TO PICK THE MEAT YOU'D LIKE.
MM, HE DID IT TO PRESERVE THEM FOR A LONG TIME.

WHAT A CHEEKY LITTLE MINX. I IMAGINE THAT'S MEANT TO BE A THREAT.
SHE... SHE'S TRYING TO TAKE US FOR FOOLS.
BUT I'D LIKE TO TRY SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE EXOTIC. HOW ABOUT HUMAN MEAT. UFUFUFU...
UFUFUFU. SEEMS YOU'VE A REAL NUMBER OF DELICACIES THERE MISS.
I... I COULD NEVER MAKE THAT KIND OF ORDER!
I'M SERIOUS. SO HOW'S ABOUT IT? WANNA COOK US UP SOMETHING WITH HUMAN MEAT IN IT?
P... PLEASE DON'T MAKE SUCH DARK JOKES!
EEH?!
IN WHICH CASE THERE'S NOTHING ELSE FOR IT, WE CAN ROAST MY COMPANION!
SO WHAT YOU MEAN TO SAY IS YOU LACK THE INGREDIENTS.

OH WE'RE PERFECTLY SANE. NOW, ROAST ME!
I'M NOT SURE YOU'RE ENTIRELY WITH IT...
EH?!
HMPH. HAVE SOME BACKBONE GIRL!
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD DO SOMETHING SO TERRIBLE.
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EEP!
IF YOU WON'T, I'LL ENTER MYSELF!
R... RIGHT...
QUICK NOW, YOU GONNA OR NOT?!
ALRIGHT THEN, HEAT UP THE FURNACE!

HEHEHE... I BET IT'LL SMELL REAL NICE SOON.
YES, GET IT NICE AND HOT.
AH!
THAT SHOULD BE GOOD, OPEN UP.
AHAHAHA!
SHE... SHE'S GONE?!

OHOHO-HOHO!
?!
AGRONI!
IDETAGRA!!
MUWAAAA!!
KEOIN!!
YOU'RE A MAGIC USER?!
OH MY!
WELL, SHOCKED?
AH!
Y... YES. A REAL LIFE MAGIC WAND.
AMAZING! ISN'T THAT A MAGIC WAND?!
A MAGIC USER?
EH?
I'M DEEPLY INTRIGUED BY MAGIC!
LET ME SEE THAT A MINUTE!

ARGH, I WANT ONE TOO!
DID YOU GET THIS FROM A DEVIL?!
SEEMS LIKE I'M AS GOOD AT TRICKING PEOPLE AS EVER.
SHE REALLY BELIEVED IT WAS MAGIC.
OHOHOHO!
AHAHAHAHA!
I GUESS SHE REALLY DOES LIVE HERE.
BUT YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK THAT GIRL'S TRYING TO TRICK US.
AHAHAH, OF COURSE.
IDIIIIOT. WE'RE GONNA SPEND THE REST OF OUR LIVES JUST MESSING ABOUT.
YOU FANCY GOING BACK UP ON STAGE TO DO OUR TRICKS?
CHEERS.
I MADE SOME SNACKS TOO, SO EAT UP.
HEY YOU TWO, I WENT AND BOUGHT SOME SAKE.

HOUH, THE FINEST SAKE EH.
HERE, DRINK UP.
I... I'LL DO THAT.
OI, LET'S POUR SOME MORE.
UFUFU. I GUESS SHE RESPECTS ME.
HOLD ON. DON'T YOU THINK SHE'S BEING JUST A BIT TOO HELPFUL TO YOU.
DON'T HOLD BACK, FEEL FREE TO DRINK AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.
MM. SHE'S GOT BANDAGES ON HER HEAD, SO MAYBE THE INJURY'S LEFT HER A LITTLE OFF.
WELL BLOW ME DOWN. SHE'S AN ODD ONE ALRIGHT.
NO SHIT.
YOU MEAN SHE THINKS YOU'RE REALLY A MAGIC USER...?
WHILE I'M STILL UNEASY.
YOU SURE GULPED THAT DOWN.
HICK!
AH WHO CARES.
I IMAGINE SO, POOR THING...

I'LL BE CAUGHT RIGHT AWAY WITH AN UNRELIABLE BLOKE LIKE HIM.
GEEZ, HOW CAREFREE CAN YOU GET.
UFUFUFU, IT'S TOO GOOD TO RESIST!
IF I DO, THEN ALL OF THIS WILL BE MINE...
HE'S THE SORT WHO NEEDS TO BE FORCED INTO DOING EVERY LITTLE THING, I SHOULD FLEE ON MY OWN.
BUT AT LEAST I'VE GOT ALL THIS BEAUTIFUL MONEY.
FUFU...
IT'S UNFORTUNATE, BUT I'LL BE SHOWING YOU TO THE NEXT WORLD.
HE'S ALREADY DEAD...
YOU DON'T NEED TO STRANGLE HIM.

HE... HE'S DEAD?!
I'D PLACED POISON IN THE SAKE.
FUFUFU...
I MEAN, WEREN'T YOU LOOKING TO TAKE ALL THE MONEY FOR YOURSELF ANYWAY?
WHY ON EARTH WOULD YOU DO THAT?! JUST WHAT ARE YOU...?!
HAH!

WHAT I WANT IS THAT!
?!
I'M NOT AFTER YOUR MONEY AT ALL.
FINALLY, IT'S MINE!
WAAAAIH!
I KILLED HIM AS I WAS AFTER HIS MAGIC WAND!
OHOHOHO!
BUT THAT'S AT LEAST SAVED ME SOME TIME...
SHE REALLY MUST'VE GONE MAD FROM HER HEAD INJURY.

I THINK I'LL SLEEP ON TOP OF ALL THESE BANK ROLLS TONIGHT.
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THIS IS ALL MINE NOW!
HAH!
SEEMS I CAN ALSO MAKE USE OF THE WAND.
WA... WAIT, I COULDN'T BE INSIDE THE OVEN?!
THIS IS ANIMAL MEAT?!
WH... WHERE AM I?!
QUIT FUCKING AROUND AND JUST GET ME OUT OF HERE!
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DON'T WORRY. I'LL USE THE SAME MAGIC TRICK YOU DID BEFORE TO SET YOU FREE.

EKO EKO AZARAK!
EKO EKO ZAMERAK!
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KYAAAH!
I GUESS THIS WAND WAS A FAKE AFTER ALL.
OH, SEEMS THE MAGIC HAD NO EFFECT.
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FUFUFUFU...
OHOHOHO!